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Letters from the People.

[All communications under this head must be accompanied by the writer's name. We will not be held responsible for any expressions in this department.]—EDITOR.

The Nation's Greed.

Our country has opened for crime a highway,
Licensed it, christened it Saloon, for the pay;
For revenue nine hundred millions they tell
Are paid by this thoroughfare leading to hell.

When you think of the toll-gates studding this way,
Thicker than mile-posts, so alluring and gay,
Where all who here travel pay tribute or toll
To keep up the revenue, damning the soul.

Of all the inventions the devil could plan
To work on the weakness of poor fallen man,
None prove so successful for lust and desire
As habits established by drinking hell-fire.

This child of the devil was christened at birth
By the wisest of nations—richest on earth—
And parties and churches assist in her need
To fill up her coffers with revenue greed.

And thousands of young men are ruined or slain
For the ninety per cent. the government gain;
And this Juggernaut car is everywhere found,
Loaded with felons for the "State dumping-ground."

The License Power.

Editor Press:—

I read with no little interest the article in your last issue under the title "Where are we drifting to?" and it stirred my soul to the very depths. I would like to put a few facts before your many readers, hoping they may start more to thinking and that thinking may take to acting till this great evil be overcome with good. Where is the remonstrance? Why did it not have at least a hearing? To think our temperance people could not have their say about *one* of these hell holes. How gladly some of our best citizens—as I happened to know—signed this remonstrance only to be thrown aside, while this wretchedness, caused by hosts of licenses, is allowed to exist. For shame. Take one of these vile places and put it in a town of this size then watch the result. Eighteen licensed liquor establishments in a town the size of Emporium—the fact is appalling. May the judge who had the esteemed privilege (?) of granting these licenses get down before God and deeply repent of this sin, (if he never has or never will commit another) will send him to that place of dark despair, where, with the liquor dealers and the drunkards he must spend eternity. "Oh! how shall guilty man contend with such a God?"

If ladies dare not pass on sidewalks for fear of the vile and insulting language they are sure to hear by meeting the poor drunkard, what of the homes of some of these drunkards? Mother and children groveling in poverty and want, who would be glad to gather the crumbs that fall from the table of our judge. Surely such things ought not so to be. When I see the increasing boldness of the men who we place in high positions, of the corruption of such, of the liquor traffic, the grab and greed system that is taking the life out of the common people, I say we are gone, hopelessly gone; there is no hope for us unless we assert our christian manhood, rebuke this foul tide of corruption, place men and parties in power that will stand for the right. If one-quarter of our professing christians were true to their God, to their fellow men and their convictions, Emporium would not be in the sad plight in which we find it to-day. Is it not time to enquire "where are we drifting?" Must we be deprived of our rights? Will our law-abiding citizens suffer this state of affairs to continue? God forbid! O! that God would raise up a man in our midst like Neal Dow, who would never slack his efforts until our State had enacted and established its prohibitory law. Success will come on this line and never on any other. Some one has said when our law makers come to the conclusion that they can pass an act to guard the girls and boys of the nation against strong drink as easily as they can protect birds, fishes, rabbits, deer and skunks they will certainly do it. They will by and by take as much interest in the protection of their own offspring as they do in the protection of the brute creation. I do not wish to be understood that I object to the first, but I advocate the latter as well.

What will arouse the people; the church going people? You tell me that the call of the church is to save people from their sins, and so it is. But I point out to you that on the last election day she went in for saving everything but men, and with the exception of a few loyal hearts, stood for saving gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, hides, wool, tin—anything but men, and she swarms with men in pulpit and in pew, who make a mock at sin, in party politics; and who get votes, and offices, and power, by the destruction of the faith of more men every year than she even deals with.

Let us take God for our guide and go forth conquering and to conquer. In the name of our King, Awake!

ANOTHER CITIZEN.

"The Letterman Case."

Editor Press:—

I feel that in the interest of justice and truth, as well as in vindication of the purity of our homes, that the communication in last week's *Independent* by "Mose Carpenter" must be answered. The "spindles of passion" have not yet cooled enough to permit us to call a bigamist, a most consumate villian, a "good fellow." Admitting that proper steps were not taken in looking up this fellow's record, yet the fact, that he lied, and most shamefully deceived Miss Fulton as well as her friends, remains. Can "Mose Carpenter" or any other man making the least pretension to morality, justify a violation of the commandment, which says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Admitting for a time this fellow did behave like a gentleman, yet it was all for a purpose, and "things are just as bad as we at first supposed." How could they be worse? Any man who holds such loose views with regard to the marriage relation is a constant menace to society. Please answer this question Mr. "Carpenter." Would you advise Miss Fulton to live in adultery with this Letterman, who has a wife living? As it stands, Miss F. is only guilty of indescretion, but if she should do as you intimate she would be a veritable Magdalene, and little better than a prostitute.

It may be Mr. "Carpenter," that you have daughters of your own; if so, imagine this disgrace coming into your family; would you thank any man to call the scoundrel who blighted your daughter's life and brought disgrace into your family, "a good fellow?" I think not. What this Letterman deserves is nothing short of a term of years in the penitentiary, and if justice is done he will certainly get it, but if he fails to receive the just reward of his crime, the best thing he can do is to go to Kentucky, where he claimed his friends are. Again I read the words form "Mose Carpenter," "such a step if just the kind I want them to take." referring as I have already intimated, to Miss F. living in adultery with a man who has a wife living and no divorce. And, knowing "Mose Carpenter" as I do, and knowing his standing in society, and believing him when he says he has a high regard for the entire Fulton family, I find it a bitter impossibility to believe that he is not possessed with an evil spirit. Can it be that there is a skeleton in his own closet, the remembrance of which has embittered his life, and in a measure deadened his moral nature? "Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder," these are the words of the Holy writ, and unless this nation is more careful to preserve the sanctity of the marriage relation, we may expect at no distant day, the visitation of the vengeance of God. And now with a brief summary I will close.

Miss Fulton and her friends were to blame for not thoroughly investigating this Letterman's record. But all the family did not receive him with favor; on the contrary one member of the family at least yielded under protest to what seemed to him inevitable. The addresses given of friends (?) at State College, were intended not to verify his standing there, but to deceive. And as to what this rascal has done, surely "Mose Carpenter" knows that he has violated the law of the State as well as the law of God, and why should he not be ostracised? No, let us not help this "good fellow" out, but on the other hand it might be an excellent plan to help a few others in.

RIP.

Sterling Run, Pa., Feb. 21, 1898.

After Defeat.

Editor Press:—

While I regret to see by the returns of election, that the majority was on the wrong side of the fence for the Poor Farm. Still I say, "All is not loss." The question is before the public, nor is it at all liable to die. Although it has for the present suffered a signal defeat, I know that the citizens of Cameron county are too honest to let the subject drop into oblivion. The question is a grand study, if taken in the proper place, which is without doubt outside the vail of politics.

I do not believe in the much resorted to "mud slinging." I believe in facts, and have striven to give such, and only such. If truth has touched too tender a spot in friend "Ding's" armor I am sorry that it should be so.

If farming is a science, a man to become a past-master of any one science must devote his entire energies to that science. Bordeaux mixture would have saved his fruit. Careful selection of plants and ground, with a little gasoline would save his cabbage. Early planting his potatoes, while care would have saved his hay, wheat and rye. As for buckwheat, he is the first one I have heard of saying the crop of '97 was a failure in this section—most farmers are sorry they did not sow more. Be that as it may, it does not for the present come to the point. We all without exception grant that all years are not as profitable for the farmer as, take for instance, 1896. At all times however, the thorough farmer can live.

The main question now is has the Poor Farm question had time to have become satisfactory to all? The law provides we can place our poor in sister county Poor Houses. One of our poormasters has applied at three different places and the answer was the same in all, "very sorry, we are full and cannot take your poor." What does this indicate. Our opponents will say undoubtedly, because these institutions are a detriment to the counties.

This is not so, as all these three are almost self-sustaining. The great fear seems to be the lack of limits in the hands of the County Commissioners. We cannot trust the funds in the hands of those three men. Why, they would swamp the county in one term of office! Yet they handle three-fourths of the county funds, but the other fourth we dare not trust in their hands.

The principles of manhood I hope have not fallen so low in Cameron county that we cannot find an honest county Commissioner. We have two years before another vote can be taken. Study the matter over and see that the losing side has a cause.

CON LEMUEL.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

[*From Philadelphia Inquirer.*]

Following the report that an order had been received at the United States Embassy at London directing all officers of the United States, at present in England on leave to rejoin their ships at once, it was learned yesterday that all retired naval officers of the United States had received notice from Secretary Long directing them to place themselves in communication with the Navy Department immediately.

A retired naval officer of this city, who served under Admiral Farragut, said that the notice applied to about 300 naval officers throughout the country on the retired list. It was of confidential nature, but its provisions were to the effect that officers under 62 years of age who could pass a physical examination, showing themselves to be fit for duty, would be required to hold themselves in readiness for service at a moment's notice from Washington.

All who received the communication were asked to acknowledge its receipt immediately, giving any prospective change of address, and placing themselves unreservedly at the disposal of the government.

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 22.—"A special train is held in readiness at the station here to convey Consul-General Lee to Washington," said a prominent railroad official here to-night. "He is expected here at any moment by the torpedo boat Cushing or DuPont."

The official, whose name is withheld on account of the importance of his position further stated that the cause of Consul-General Lee's hurried visit to the United States was that he bore important documents—papers so valuable that under no circumstances could they be trusted to any attache or minor official.

The coming of Lee may or may not be true, but in any event the special train has been standing in the train shed here for the last six hours with full steam up and crew ready to assume their posts. At the docks everything is on the alert.

The White Squadron cruiser Montgomery arrived at Port Tampa this morning from Santiago de Cuba, where she was ordered some time ago by the Secretary of the Navy.

It was not until she was on her way to the United States that the officers learned of the disaster to the Maine. A passing ship gave the information, but it was not given much credence. On arriving at the bar last night, however, it was confirmed by the pilot.

To-day the cruiser is taking on 800 tons of coal at Port Tampa, and to-morrow will sail for Key West.

The concensus of opinion in this city is that the Maine was destroyed by treachery. Cubans are universally of the opinion that it was the work of Spanish deviltry, while the Spaniards claim that their people would have had too much sense to have done such a thing, and when the matter is sifted to its utmost it will be found that some Cubans with an anarchistic instinct did the infamous work.

THE SITUATION GRAVE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—A prominent New England Congressman, who holds close political and personal relations with Secretary Long, had an extended conference with that official and with other officials of the Navy Department to-day, and who also visited the Executive Mansion, remarked to-night as follows:

"There is not the least doubt that the situation is grave.

"I do not mean to imply that the Government is expecting to be forced into a conflict with Spain from developments in the harbor in Havana, but I do mean that every preparation is being made for a conflict. This preparation is a precaution, because there is a feeling that something is going to turn up. The Navy Department is making more preparation than the officials admit. Our war vessels in remote places are being called closer home, so that they can be quickly placed. The four monitors are being made ready, and there is a great deal of activity under the surface.

IN THE SENATE.

In the Senate Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, introduced a series of resolutions reciting the horrors of concentration in Cuba and demanding an investigation by a committtee of five Senators. On objection by Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, the resolution went over. When the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation Bill was brought forward Mr. Allen moved as an amendment his resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, which had already been reported favorably to the Senate by the Foreign Relations Committee. This precipitated a warm debate. The resolution was ruled out on a point of order.

The White Squadron is assembling off Key West, as the result of orders sent out by the Navy Department. Within a day or two there will be under the immediate command of Admiral Sicard the following vessels: New York, Indiana, Massachusetts, Texas, Iowa, Brooklyn, Marblehead, Detroit, Nashville, Montgomery, Ericsson, DuPont, Cushing and Porter. Admiral Sicard is still suffering severely from malarial fever. On the Pacific coast work is being rushed on the repairs of the Charleston, Philadelphia, Yorktown, Pensacola, Hartford and Adams now at Mare Island. Major General Merritt left New York yesterday to inspect the defenses of the South Atlantic Coast.

During the last few days, and again last night President McKinley has been in earnest conference with members of the Senate Committees on Foreign Relations, Military Affairs and Navy. Important plans to perfect the two military arms of the service have been considered and arranged. These moves are merely of a precautionary nature, so that this country may be prepared for any eventualities.

Lecture.

Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman will lecture in Emporium March 19. Mrs. Hoffman has a national reputation as a first-class speaker, and Emporium is fortunate in being able to secure her services.

M. E. OLMSTED.

Old Reliable Drug Store.

People will find it to their advantage to carefully notice the greatly reduced prices set forth in the Old Reliable Drug Store's new add, on 5th page, and also notice that a first-class pharmacist is there ready to serve all who come.

Death of Mrs. Phoebe French.

MRS. PHOBE FRENCH, aged 69 years, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Rendt, Feb. 18th, 1898, after a long and painful illness. Her remains were conveyed to Greenwood, N. Y., for interment. The bereaved daughter and friends have our sympathy in their sad affliction.

Returned from the South.

Mr. Henry W. Graham has returned from an extended visit to his mother and brothers and sisters, in South Carolina, none of whom he has seen in thirey-two years. He has returned greatly improved in health and ready to attend to business at his old stand on Broad street, where he will be pleased to meet his customers.

Outlet to Bailey Run.

A number of citizens met at the Warner House last Saturday to examine into the feasibility of building a wagon road from Emporium to Bailey Run, with a view to draw the trade from that section to Emporium. The committee having the matter in charge are investigating the plan and expect to have a report ready within a few days. It is agreed that a permanent road should be built, it being asserted that it would pass through good farming land.

Pleasant Party.

Grace and Forest Pye entertained a number of their friends last Friday evening. The evening was spent in playing games and dancing. Refreshments were served at a seasonable hour and all departed for their homes with aching sides from laughing at the hearty jokes of Judge Brennan, who declared he never had such a "foine toime" before. Those present were: Misses Martha Kaye, Nellie Lingle, Mae Darrin, Bertha Bair, Florence Card, Hattie Auchu, Encie Howard, Tacy Bloom, Lora McQuay, Katie Cummings, Lottie Fisk. Messrs Harry Kaye, Don Larrabee, Wm. Kaye, Wm. Bair, Cassius Shaffer, Edwin Darrin, Ralph Davison, Elmer Kaye, Harry McDonald and Judge Brennan.

Wanted.

Experienced men to sell monumental work in Northern Pennsylvania. Address, 206 Centre street, Dunkirk, N. Y. 51-2.

Band Meeting,

All members of the Emporium Band are requested to meet at the band room, Friday evening, at 8:00 o'clock.

L. S. FISK, Leader.

Wanted.

Salesman to handle our Lubricating Oils on commission in Emporium and vicinity. Liberal terms.

THE EUCLID OIL COMPANY,
Cleveland, O.

A Success.

The two-day fair held by the ladies interest-paying society of M. E. church, Monday and Tuesday, was a great success. Over $150 was netted. Mrs. C. M. Thomas, president of the society, is entitled to great credit for her untiring work.

Made a Record.

The fastest time on record on the middle division of the P. & E. R. R. was made on Saturday by Engineer John Cashman with engine No. 2,088, and two coaches, one being a P. R. R. day coach and the other was a Pullman car of the Atlantic Coast Line. The occupants of the train were the members of the River and Harbor Committee of Congress and other distinguished Congressional gentleman, who had been at Erie to attend the annual banquet of the Lincoln Club of that city. The party arrived in Ridgway on the noon train from Erie and the fast run was arranged to get the distinguished party east as far as Lock Haven in time to connect with train No. 12 at that place. The run was made from Emporium to Renovo in 55 minutes and from here to Renovo in 1 hour and 40 minutes.—Ridgway *Advocate.*

The "middle-of-the-roaders" were quite numerous last Friday on account of the icy sidewalks.

Lively Times in Emporium on Monday and Tuesday.

Last Monday and Tuesday Mr. H. C. Kaye, of this place, who expected, according to contract to leave for Alaska with the Coudersport Klondyke Co., caused the arrest of the general manager of the Company. The matter will be tried in our courts and not wishing to take sides in the controversy we give below a history of the case:

Several weeks ago Mr. H. C. Kaye, of this place, signed a contract with the Klondyke Prospecting and Mining Company, of Coudersport, Pa., wherein it was agreed that upon his depositing a certain amount of money with the Company he should become one of a party of four that the Company was going to send to Alaska this spring. All preparations for the trip had been made and the party was intending to leave on Monday last, when, on Saturday noon, Mr. Kaye received a letter from E. C. Briggs, General Manager of the above named company, and who was to have charge of the party, saying that he had a sworn statement from a Mr. Jepson, who was also a member of the party, to the effect that Kaye had proposed to Jepson that when they reached the gold fields they should do away with Briggs, take what money he had and start out prospecting on their own hook. Briggs said that the Company did not want anything more to do with Kaye and that he should consider the contract as null and void. He also further stated in his letter that if Kaye would let the matter drop where it was and not attempt to make any disturbance that he (Briggs) would not make the affair public.

Mr. Kaye however believing it to be a scheme on the part of Briggs to defraud him of the money which he had deposited with the Company, immediately had a warrant sworn out for the arrest of Briggs, charging him with writing a threatening and intimidating letter for the purpose of extorting money and gain. The warrant was placed in the hands of officer Yentzer who arrested Briggs at Port Allegany on Monday, arriving here with him on the evening train. The hearing was held before Justice Larrabee, Mr. Kaye being represented by attorneys Green and Johnson, while L. B. Seibert of Coudersport appeared for Briggs.

After hearing the evidence Briggs was bound over for his appearance at Court in the sum of six hundred dollars.

Mr. Kaye has resided in Emporium for several years and enjoys the respect and confidence of our people.—Nothing that may be said by his enemies will shake our confidence in his integrity. His friends, and they are legion, will stand for him.

Republican County Convention.

The Republican County Convention will meet at the Court House, in the Borough of Emporium, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 22d, 1898,

at 1:00 o'clock, p. m.,

For the purpose of nominating one delegate to the State Convention, candidate for President Judge, choose delegates to the Judicial, Congressional and Senatorial Conventions and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

By Order of County Committee,
H. C. OLMSTED, Chairman.
C. JAY GOODNOUGH, Sec'y.

Republican Primary Election.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Republican County Committee, empowering the Chairman to call a Caucus and County Convention the Republican Primary elections for Cameron county will be held on

SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, 1898.

Emporium Borough—West Ward, at City Hall, at 7:00 to 8:30 p. m.,—4 delegates; Middle Ward, at Council Room, at 7:00 to 8:30 p. m.,—4 delegates; East Ward, at Hose House, at 7:00 to 8:30 p. m.,—3 delegates.

Shippen Township, at Court House, at 2:00 to 4:00 p. m.,—6 delegates.

Portage Township, at Sizerville Bath House, at 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.,—2 delegates.

Lumber township, at office of R. W. Barrows at Cameron, at 1:00 to 3:00 p. m.,—3 delegates.

Gibson Township, at Curtin House, Driftwood at 3:00 to 5:00 p. m.,—2 delegates.

Driftwood Borough, at Curtin Hotel, at 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.,—3 delegates.

Grove Township, at Joe M. Shaffer's, from 4:00 to 6:00 p. m.,—2 delegates.

H. C. OLMSTED, Chairman.
C. JAY GOODNOUGH, Sec'y.

Political Announcements.

All Announcements under this head must be signed by the candidate and paid in advance to insure publication.

PRESIDENT JUDGE.

Editor Cameron County Press:—

SIR:—Republican friends from the several counties comprising this, the 25th Judicial District, have requested me to become a candidate for the Republican nomination of President Judge. After consideration I have concluded to comply with their request. Please announce in the CAMERON COUNTY PRESS to the Republican electors of Cameron county and this Judicial District, that I am an earnest candidate for the nomination of President Judge, subject to the rules of the Republican party, and respectfully solicit their support at the primary elections.

I pledge myself, if nominated, to use all honorable means for my election to that responsible office.

Yours respectfully,
B. W. GREEN.

Emporium, Pa., Feb'y. 1st, 1898.

Editor of the Press.

DEAR SIR:—Please announce my name as a candidate for the nomination for the office of President Judge of this 25th Judicial District, subject to the rules governing the Republican party in Cameron county.

Respectfully,
J. C. JOHNSON.

Emporium, Pa., Feb'y. 2, 1898.

DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION.

EDITOR PRESS:—Please announce my name as a candidate for Delegate to the Republican State Convention, solely in the interests of the candidacy of Hon. Chas. W. Stone for Governor. If elected I pledge myself to use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

E. W. GASKILL.

Shippen, Pa., Feb. 8th, 1898.

Pressed Bricks.

Those special bargains continue in clothing at N. Seger's.

All winter goods going to suit the people at N. Seger's great clothing house.

Run no risk of getting low grade meats and groceries. Our stock stands for Quality. DAY'S.

N. Seger continues to give his customers many great bargains in ready-made clothing.

The McInnes Steel Works have commenced work preparatory to rebuilding their plant recently destroyed.

Sizerville is located in Cameron county. The last rooster fight was over there.—Port Allegany *Reporter.*

What has become of Emporium's base ball magnates? Do not wait till the season is over before organizing a club.

A man by the name of Wickerly had his leg horribly smashed, below the knee, by being run over by an engine in the yards of the A. V. R. R., at Driftwood, on Tuesday.

On Friday afternoon, at 2:00 p. m., a grand Washington birthday and musical entertainment will be given in the High School building, by the scholars. Everybody invited to attend.

P. O. Chilson had a finger caught between a coal bucket and a car at the W. N. Y. & P. coal dock on Tuesday of last week, crushing it badly. Dr. Baker attended the injury.

Lenten Specialties—Cod Fish, Mackerel, Herring, Domestic and Imported Sardines, Salmon, Lobster, Clams, Deviled Crabs. Try our imported Sardines, 16c a box. DAY'S.

The P. O. S. of A., entertainment at the Opera House Tuesday evening was very largely attended, and an excellent program rendered. Those who attended declare it was the largest gathering assembled in the opera house for years.

J. W. Yager had the misfortune to lose the end of his little finger on the the left hand by getting too close to the knife of an edger at Mankey's furniture factory last Friday. Dr. Baker gave him surgical attention.

Good Bread—the kind that is sweet, light and wholesome, is eaten every day by those who use PILLSBURY'S BEST FLOUR. It will make whiter bread and more of it than other kinds, and costs, at present, but little if any more—$1.60 per sack. DAY'S.

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Local notices 10 cents per line for one insertion; 5 cents per line for each subsequent consecutive insertion.

Obituary notices over five lines, 10 cents per line. Simple announcements of births, marriages and deaths will be inserted free.

Business cards, five lines or less, $5 per year; over five lines, at the regular rates of advertising.

No local inserted for less than 75 cents per issue.

JOB PRINTING.

The Job department of the PRESS is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work. PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO LAW PRINTING.

No paper will be discontinued until arrearages are paid, except at the option of the publisher.

Papers sent out of the county must be paid for in advance.

A FRENCH naturalist named Gallen has made the discovery at Nimes that if a sparrow is put in the same cage with finches it will soon learn to imitate their song like a mocking bird; also, the chirping of a cricket.

A RUSSIAN nobleman, Count Rambunsky, has written to Mayor Warwick, of Philadelphia, saying that he has a good-looking son, 24 years of age, who wants to make a Philadelphia woman his wife and a countess. All he requires is beauty and a dot of $3,000,000.

AN agent of an American firm has just been in England, and with but little difficulty obtained orders for 8,000 golf sticks. The American sticks are better made and finished than the English owing to improved machinery and advanced methods of manufacture.

THE richest gold mine in the world is located under the thriving town of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. It yields but half an ounce of standard gold to the ton, and yet the Band, Barton and Albion mine has yielded more than $150,000,000 of gold since it was opened 30 years ago.

THE prince of Naples is compiling an illustrated work on the coins of Italy, modern and mediaeval, and is anxious to have all persons who possess rare Italian coins communicate with him. He has a collection of 18,000, but there are 30,000 yet to be accounted for.

OFFICIAL reports have been received from Capt. Ray, who was sent to the Klondike country by the war department. Capt. Ray's report is one that will serve to keep people out of the country, as he says of all who have gone there in two years but 7 per cent. have earned a living, the others being destitute.

MISS MARY PROCTOR, the astronomer, gave a lecture a few evenings ago in the lecture course provided by the board of education of New York city. Her interesting subject was: "The Great Planets, Comets and Meteors." Miss Proctor has just been the recipient of a beautiful three-inch telescope, presented by Mrs. Floyd, of Boston.

VANCOUVER is enjoying a boom that presages a bright future and a verification that that city is the future great metropolis of British Columbia. Every vacant house has been rented, and to meet the demand others are in the course of construction. The 40 hotels in the place are filled with argonauts, and all the boarding-houses have as many guests as can be accommodated.

THAT New York and Philadelphia will eventually be connected by a trolley line seems to be assured. There are electric power lines now in several of the intervening cities and towns, and connections between them could be made in a comparatively short time. There is a line in operation between Jersey City and Newark, and this could be extended to connect with the Rahway and New Brunswick lines, which, in turn, could be carried on to Trenton, and then to Philadelphia.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has it in his power to have a curious and unequaled record made a part of the United States navy history. Thos. E. Selfridge, a 14-year-old aspirant for naval honors, has made application for a cadetship at Annapolis. Should he be appointed three generations will be borne on the navy register and 80 years intervening between the first and the last entry. Thos. O. Selfridge, grandfather of the youthful applicant, is the sole survivor of all the officers who were in the navy in 1818.

WHEN the big department stores of Denver lately undertook to dictate advertising rates to the newspapers there and stopped advertising in order to enforce their demands the small stores took advantage of the boycott and began to advertise. They got immediate results, one house having to call for police to keep back the crowds, while the large places were practically empty. A little dry goods firm that had never been heard of before turned away a thousand people for want of room to receive them inside. The moral is obvious.

A NET of spiders' webs is being manufactured at the professional school at Antananarivo, and will be used as an experimental covering for a navigable balloon by M. Renard, the head of the French military balloon school at Chalais. The thread of several spiders is wound on winders, the quantity produced by each spider ranging from 15 to 40 yards. The covering of the web is removed by repeated washings, the web made into a thread of eight strands, which, when spun, is easily woven into a gauze very fine but exceedingly strong.

SOMETHING HE OVERLOOKED.

Bryan's Hit and Miss Description of Mexican Finances.

In the article praising Mexico, her alleged marvelous prosperity and her silver monetary standard, Mr. William Jennings Bryan neglected, as he usually does, to bring out the vital and material points of the questions which he discussed.

Mr. Bryan spent two or three weeks in Mexico, bought a sombrero trimmed with silver, and then came back fully equipped to tell us all about the affairs of our neighboring republic and ready to prove, to his own satisfaction at least, that this country ought to adopt the financial system from which Mexico has been for some time trying to escape.

Mr. Bryan is a political comet which has passed its perihelion, and is disappearing in the depths of obscurity, whence it emerged some 18 months ago. It occasionally still emits a gaseous explosion, however, which calls for comment on the part of the astronomers who have watched it with interest as it careened madly across the political firmament. The letter on Mexico is the latest of these Bryanite explosions, and, following the usual custom, a few observations on the phenomenon are presumably in order.

Ever since Mr. Bryan picked up the silver question as a supposedly convenient method of landing himself in the white house he has argued that the free and unlimited coinage of silver would give to this country a greater volume of money; that is, a larger per capita circulation. Now, if the free coinage of silver is conducive to a greater per capita circulation than the United States possesses, we would naturally suppose that Mexico, which conforms to Mr. Bryan's loftiest ideals of a proper financial policy, would have a larger per capita circulation than this country. Let us see. Consulting the facts and figures in relation to the amount of money in each country, we discover the per capita of each nation to be as follows:

	Per capita.
In gold—	
United States	$9 35
Mexico	39
In silver—	
United States	$8 78
Mexico	7 70
In paper—	
United States	$5 90
Mexico	32
Total money—	
United States	$24 03
Mexico	8 41

Evidently there is a cog loose in Mr. Bryan's logic again. Instead of having, thanks to the free coinage of silver, a greater amount of money per capita than the United States, Mexico has only about one-third as much money per capita as this country possesses. Besides, every dollar of United States money, under the gold standard, is worth twice as much as a Mexican dollar. So that, if we take purchasing power into consideration, we find that our $24.03 per capita is worth $48.06 in Mexican money, as against an $8.41 per capita in Mexico.

If it is a good thing to have a large circulation, then free silver, as shown by the experience of Mexico, does not supply that benefit, nor does the free and unlimited coinage of silver in Mexico add one penny of value to the silver when it is coined. After that metal is minted it is worth no more or less, under free and unlimited coinage in Mexico, than it was worth as bullion. The free and unlimited coinage of silver never did make 50 cents' worth of silver worth 100 cents, and never will, Mr. Bryan to the contrary notwithstanding.

While Mr. Bryan is sounding the praises of Mexico's financial system that country is striving to abandon it, and in a few years we will see our southern neighbor take its rightful place among the progressive gold standard nations of the world.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

DRIFT OF OPINION.

☞Mr. Bryan is undoubtedly one of the men who are ahead of their times. The only date to which he pays attention is 1900.—Washington Star.

☞If the "investigation" could only have been held before the election Hanna's majority would have been much larger.—Cleveland Leader.

☞The "Bryan and Altgeld democracy" presumably has warned all persons of the name of Buck Hinrichsen to keep off the grass.—Chicago Record (Ind.).

☞The tightening grip of Dingley bill results on the windpipe of the calamity howler has reduced that organ to the vocalization of a piping treble.—Philadelphia Press.

☞Bryan's satirical telegram to the Maine cotton mill strikers is in keeping with his calamity record. When he sees a sign of prosperity he keeps quiet.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

☞"The Curse of Gold" is described as a free silver melodrama. It will be remembered that "The Cross of Gold," which had a short run in '96, was a roaring farce.—Chicago Times-Herald.

☞The promptness and vigor with which the republican house killed the Teller silver bond resolution shows the scrupulous faith with which the republican party keeps its pledges.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

☞Never was a robber or assassin caught in the commission of his crime condemned to swifter execution by public indignation, or more promptly gibbeted and buried out of sight and smell than the Teller resolution, with all its infamies on its head, was sent to its just doom by the house of representatives.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

☞Bryan says: "The democrats of the United States have put their hands to the sixteen to one plow, and will not look back." Well, perhaps they won't. There is nothing very pleasant "to look back" at. Bryan firing off speeches with hair on end at the rear of a Pullman car, and defeated when the vote was counted, doesn't make a historic picture for any democrat to enthuse over.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

WAGES AND MONEY.

Facts Which Knock Out the Pretenses of Free Silverites.

A bond sale recently took place in this state which shows the extent to which the price of money has fallen in the past few years. The bonds were Missouri state securities, amounting to $350,000, bearing interest at four per cent., and they sold at a premium. These bonds are to take up bonds drawing six per cent. interest. Twenty years ago the latter were hard to sell at par, and they replaced bonds that drew ten per cent. interest, which sold for 75 cents on the dollar in 1869, at a time when the regular currency of the country, greenbacks, which the republicans brought up to the gold line in 1879, was worth only 75 cents on the dollar in gold. Of course the interest rate for private loans in Missouri has also fallen to nearly the same extent in this time.

This is a little different sort of a story from that which the silver orators tell. They pretend that interest and fixed charges for farmers and others remain the same as during the war period, while the prices of farm products and the wages of labor have gone down. The figures here given, however, show that interest in Missouri is much less than half as high as it was 25 or 30 years ago. Allowing for the premium now on public bonds and the discount then, the present rate of interest is only about a third what it was at that time. Ex-Gov. Stone, like his friend Bryan, has often shed metaphorical tears over the crime of 1873, by which "half of the country's money was struck down and the value of the other half enormously enhanced." Gov. Stone and every other person in this state, and in almost every other state, no matter how poor or obscure, who has acceptable sucurity to offer, can borrow money for half what he would have had to pay for it in 1872.

The facts knock out the rest of the silverites' pretense also. Prices of many farm products have dropped in the past 20 years, though wheat at its present price in 100-cent dollars is about as high as it was 25 or 30 years ago, if the currency of those days is reckoned on the gold basis. Beef and pork have also changed in price but slightly. On the other hand, the farmers' machinery and tools, the interest on the money he borrows, the price of the clothes he wears and his general living expenses are in the aggregate only about half what they were at that time. That is to say, the farmer has been a great gainer by the change. The same is true, of course, of the average wageworker. An exhaustive examination made by the United States commissioner of labor a few years ago showed that a dollar would buy 27½ per cent. more of the necessaries of life in 1891 than it would have bought in 1872, a year before the great "crime of the century" was perpetrated, and the average laborer got ten per cent. more wages in 1891 than he did in the earlier year. The thing the wageworker had to sell, his labor, went up in price, and everything which he had to buy went down. His condition has vastly improved in the past quarter of a century, and so has that of the farmer. The deposits in the savings banks of the country and the reduction in the amount of the farm mortgages are conclusive on both these points. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

On the Defensive.

The Tippecanoe club, one of the largest permanent republican clubs in the country, has been sued to prevent its board of directors from expelling four members who took part in the effort to prevent the election of M. A. Hanna to the United States senate by the Ohio legislature. These four members, who figure as plaintiffs in the case, are Mayor McKisson, the senatorial candidate, put up in opposition to Senator Hanna; Speaker Mason and Representative Bradley, of the Ohio house of representatives, and Senator Burke, of the Ohio senate. The rules of the club stipulate that every member shall stand by the nominees of the republican party. The four plaintiffs claim first that Senator Hanna was not the nominee of the party in the sense intended by the rules, and that as the club is a stock company and the plaintiffs are owners of stock, they cannot be deprived of their shares. Upon proper application, Judge Ong, of the common pleas court, granted an order temporarily restraining the club from proceeding with the trial of Mayor McKisson and his colleagues, now in progress. The case will be heard on its merits later.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

"Gold Despotism."

Something must be said about the phrase "tyranny of gold," implying that gold is a cruel despot and an injury to mankind. It is strange that we never heard of this tyrant until silver fell below par. If the despotism of gold is so cruel to the human race it is strange that all other nations one by one are rushing to its embraces. Since the controversy became hot in the United States, Italy, Austria, Roumania, Chili, Japan, Russia, and even San Domingo have welcomed the tyrant, and now India is taking steps to the same end. The tyranny of gold is of the same nature as the tyranny of railroads in comparison with lumber wagons, of telegraphs and telephones in comparison with postboys, of gas and electric lights in comparison with tallow dips, of the United States in comparison with Mexico and China, of coined money as against wampum, of civilization in general as against savagery.—N. Y. Post (Gold-Dem.)

☞From 1834 until the present moment gold has been the standard of all values, and if it is a "tyranny" it is not the work of the men of the present day The statesmen who established it have long since passed to their account, and their names are honored wherever American history is read. It was an act of beneficence and not of tyranny when they reformed our coinage laws and established the standard of gold.—Chicago Times-Herald.

THE MAINE DESTROYED

Explosion in Havana Harbor Wrecks an American Warship.

Scores of the Crew Killed and Wounded--Exact Cause of the Disaster Not Yet Fully Determined.

Spanish Naval and Military Authorities Assist in Caring for the Injured--One of the Worst Catastrophes in the Annals of Our Navy.

Havana, Feb. 16.—At 9:45 last evening a terrible explosion took place on board the United States warship Maine in Havana. Many were killed or wounded. As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent. The wounded sailors of the Maine are unable to explain it.

The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the houses. Several of the wounded sailors say that the explosion took place while they were asleep, so that they can give no particulars as to the cause.

The wildest consternation prevails in Havana. The wharves are crowded with thousands of people. It is believed the explosion occurred in a small powder magazine. At 10:45 p. m. what remained of the Maine was still burning. Capt. Sigsbee and the other officers were saved. It is estimated that over 100 of the crew were killed, but it is impossible as yet to give exact details. Admiral Manterola has ordered that boats of all kinds shall go to the assistance of the Maine and her wounded.

Gen. Solano and the other generals have been ordered by Gen. Blanco to take steps to help the Maine's crew in every way possible. The correspondent of the Associated Press has been near the Maine in one of the boats of the cruiser Alfonso XII. and seen others of the wounded who corroborate the statement of those first interviewed that they were asleep when the explosion occurred.

Capt. Sigsbee says the explosion occurred in the bow of the vessel. He received a wound in the head. Orders were given to the other officers to save themselves as best they could. The latter who were thrown from their bunks in their night clothing, gave the necessary orders with great self-possession and bravery. At 11:30 the Maine continues burning.

Many officers of the Maine were ashore at the time of the explosion. Admiral Manterola believes the disaster was caused by the throwing of a grenade from the navy yard, near which the Maine was anchored, onto the deck of the American warship.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The secretary of the navy received the following telegram from Capt. Sigsbee: "Maine blown up in Havana harbor at 9:40 and destroyed. Many wounded and doubtless more killed and drowned. Wounded and others are on board Spanish man-of-war and Ward line steamer. Send lighthouse tenders from Key West for crew and few pieces of equipment still above water. No one has other clothes than those upon him. Public opinion should be suspended until further report. All officers believed to be saved. Jenkins and Merritt not yet accounted for. Many Spanish officers, including representatives of Gen. Blanco, now with me and express sympathy."

The officers referred to in the above dispatch are Lieut. Friend W. Jenkins and Assistant Engineer Darwin R. Merritt. From the wording of the dispatch the navy department thinks it possible that they were on shore at the time of the accident. The secretary of the navy received another dispatch from Key West at the same time, but its contents were not made public. The orders for the lighthouse tenders were at once sent to Key West.

Secretary Long received Capt. Sigsbee's dispatch but a few seconds before the press dispetches from Havana were handed to him. His first act was to comply with Sigsbee's request that assistance be sent from Key West. He immediately wired Capt. Forsythe at Key West to proceed with the naval tender Fern to Havana.

The Maine was a battleship of the second class and was regarded as one of the best ships in the new navy. She was built at the Brooklyn navy yard and is 318 feet long, 57 feet broad and 6,682 tons displacement. She carried four 10-inch and six 6-inch breech-loading guns in her main battery and seven 6-pounder and eight 1-pounder rapid-fire guns and four Gatlings in her secondary battery, and four Whitehead torpedoes.

The Maine was built in 1890 at a cost of $2,588,000. She had a steel hull and a complement of 374 men.

Arbitration Bill Favorably Reported.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The senate committee on education and labor has decided to report favorably the bill prepared by the trainmen of the country and recently introduced in the senate by Senator Kyle, providing for the arbitration of railroad strikes.

Caught by a Cave-in.

Pittsburg, Feb. 16.—Terror was spread yesterday by a report that a section of the ruins left by the Pike street fire disaster of last Wednesday night had fallen and buried ten persons, mostly boys. Soon afterwards 50 volunteers went to work to discover what the falling mass had buried. A driver of a coal wagon, a 15-year-old boy and two horses were extricated, being more or less injured. After the men had worked about two hours and those in charge had been convinced no others had been caught by the the falling brick, the work was abandoned.

THE DEAD NUMBER 258.

Pen Picture of the Tragedy in Havana Harbor.

Explosion on the Maine Was Followed by a Wild Rush of Sailors to Reach the Deck—Few Succeeded—Description of the Appearance of the Warship After the Disaster.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 17.—Capt. Sigsbee's message to Commandant Forsythe, of the naval station here, received yesterday, reads:

"Advise sending American vessel at once. The Maine is submerged except the debris. Mostly work for divers. Jenkins and Merritt are still missing and there is but little hope for their safety. Those known to have been saved are the officers and 24 uninjured of the crew. Eighteen wounded men are now on board the Ward line steamer; in the city hospital and at the hotels 59 so far as known. All the others went down on board or near the Maine. The total lost or missing is 258. With several exceptions no officer or man has more than a part of a suit of clothing and that is wet. The officers saved are uninjured. The damage was in the compartments of the crew."

New York, Feb. 17.—A cable to the World from Havana says: "I have just seen 29 sailors of the Maine silently enduring the torture caused by powder-skinned faces and bodies, broken bones and mangled flesh. They were being well cared for in the San Ambrosio military hospital here. The less severely injured men are on the steamship City of Washington. The severely wounded men will have the best of attention from the men and women of the American colony. All the injured men show great grit.

"Out in the bay lies the wreck of the Maine. Her steel upper deck forward has been completely lifted and turned over on her starboard side. None of the big guns in the turrets are visible. The Maine is slightly listed to port and all forward of the massive cranes for unloading ship's boats has disappeared. The big funnels lie flat upon the twisted iron braces and pieces of steel deck. From the funnels aft the ship seems to be intact. She has settled until the water has covered the top of her superstructure and the stern searchlight and the rapid-fire gun look over the water just below them.

"Most, if not all the bodies will be recovered. Two bodies were recovered yesterday forenoon. They were those of Lieut. Jenkins and Assistant Engineer Merritt. A vigilant lookout is being kept for bodies. Out of 59 injured not over four are likely to die. All but five officers will go to Key West. All the slightly wounded and all the able-bodied men will go also, with the exception of a few who will be kept here to identify bodies when they are secured by divers."

Out of 354, the total number of the crew of the Maine, 96 were saved.

A special copyright cable to the Evening World from Havana says the officers of the Maine state the explosion was in the central magazine and that the Maine was raised out of the water and then went partially to pieces.

The dispatch continues: "All but the surgeon were in the ward room at the moment of the explosion. Then came the stupendous shock. All the officers below rushed on deck, but could get no further forward than the middle superstructure on deck. Only a very few of the 350 jackies ever got from below. The water rushed over them and many were stunned and drowned, but not mangled.

"The officers on deck narrowly escaped. In the junior officers' mess all had to clamber out through water and wreckage waist deep. One ladder from the after torpedo compartment was jammed with men struggling up for life. All agree that a double explosion occurred from the natural result of an underwater explosion of the magazines."

On board the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII. 26 of the wounded were treated, and 36 were succored on board the City of Washington. The crew of the steamer Colon saved two wounded men. The Maine, at the time of the explosion, was anchored about 500 yards from the arsenal and 200 yards from the floating dock. The explosion put out the street lights near the wharf and blew down telephone and telegraph wires in that vicinity. Admiral Manterola and Gen. Solano put off to the Maine soon after the explosion and offered their services to Capt. Sigsbee.

Lieut. Commander Wainwright believes the explosion was due to the short circuit dynamo.

The passengers on the City of Washington gave up their state rooms to the injured men. An iron truss from the Maine fell on the pantry of the City of Washington, breaking the table ware of the steamer. Lieutenant Commander Wainwright, of the Maine, was smoking in his cabin next to Capt. Sigsbee, when the explosion occurred and put out the electric lights. Wainwright then lit a match and went to Sigsbee's cabin. The captain had been thrown from his bed, but was uninjured. They went on deck and gave orders to flood 2,500 pounds of gun cotton which was on board. The order was carried out, but the men who fulfilled it never returned. Havana, however, was saved from a still more terrible explosion. Four boats were lowered, all manned by officers, and one of them was lost.

Steamer and 87 Lives Lost.

Teneriffe, Canary Islands, Feb. 17.—The French line steamer Flachat, bound from Marseilles for Colon, was totally wrecked on Anaga Point, this island, at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. Her captain, second officer, eleven of her crew and one passenger were saved. Thirty-eight of the crew and 49 passengers were lost.

Exit De Lome.

New York, Feb. 17.—Dupuy De Lome, former Spanish minister to Washington, sailed yesterday on the steamship Britannic for Liverpool. Complimentary resolutions were presented to him on board by a delegation of Spaniards.

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Some men have such a horror of debt that they become narrow.—Atchison Globe.

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WHO IS TO BLAME?

Three Theories Regarding Cause of Maine Disaster.

A Torpedo, an Infernal Machine or an Accident—Which Was It?—The Many Safeguards Employed on Men-of-War to Prevent Such Catastrophes.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Naval officers cannot agree upon any theory to account for the destruction of the Maine. Perhaps a majority are inclined to the belief that the explosion was purely accidental; another considerable number feel that a torpedo was exploded under the vessel, and a third theory is that some infernal machine was smuggled aboard the ship and set off. An examination by a diver of the hull of the Maine would demonstrate instantly whether or not a torpedo had been used, for in case it had the plates of the hull would surely be driven in. On the other hand, protruding plates would be an evidence that the explosion was purely internal.

Capt. Sigsbee's brief report, as well as Gen. Lee's dispatch, indicates that they now incline strongly to the belief that the explosion was of internal origin. Both agree that the force of it was in the forward part of the ship and this is borne out by the escape of the majority of officers, whose quarters are aft, and the heavy casualties among the crew sleeping forward. Probably in the latter case the death list would have been even larger, but for the fact that the Maine, having a superstructure forward on the main deck, a portion of the crew were quartered there and so escaped the greater violence of the explosion as felt on the berth deck below them. The Maine had three magazines. The one forward was used for the storage of ammunition, weighing 15,000 pounds.

There was no smokeless powder on board the ship, and the ten-inch ammunition was made up of brown prismatic powders. Not only is this powder carefully packed in hermetically sealed copper cases, but its heat resisting qualities are so great that it cannot be ignited by the flame of a match, 600 degrees Fahrenheit being the amount of heat that must be applied for some time to set off the powder. On the other hand it is readily ignited, as in the case of the charge in a gun, by the explosion of a good quantity of fulminate. Every precaution is adopted aboard ship to safeguard the magazine. In its vicinity a sentry stands on duty continually. The doors are closed hermetically except when the ship is cleared for action. At 8 o'clock every night the temperature is taken and the keys of the locked door are placed in the captain's hands for the night.

The records of the navy department show that 87 degrees was the maximum temperature in the Maine's magazine during the past month, a very low and safe temperature. These facts make it extremely difficult to account for the explosion, particularly as no visitors are admitted under any circumstances to the magazine. Of course it is possible that there was spontaneous combustion of some fulminate or gun cotton intended for use in torpedoes. There were no steam pipes or furnaces near enough to the magazine to cause the belief that they might have exploded the powder. The coal bunkers there were in the neighborhood, and it is just possible that in them might be found the origin of the accident. It depends on whether they were empty or contained coal. It is said to be the practice of commanders to empty the fore-bunkers of the ship first, in which case the Maine's bunkers in that quarter were probably emptied, owing to the length of her stay.

If, however, the bunkers were not entirely empty they undoubtedly contained elements of danger that might account for the explosion. The department has been greatly troubled by spontaneous combustion of coal in the ships' bunkers, which have endangered the lives of the crews and the safety of the ships. The Cincinnati twice at least has been obliged to flood her magazines to prevent their blowing up during fires of this kind, and the cruiser Boston has been in the same condition. In some of these cases shelving in the magazines which separate the powder charges have been charred by the intense heat caused by the burning coal in the adjacent bunkers.

The theory advanced by the Spanish authorities, that the disaster might have been caused by the explosion of the boiler, is asserted at the navy department as within the bounds of credulity. The Maine's boiler was separated from the powder magazine at the nearest point by a space of about four feet, usually filled with coal. At least one boiler undoubtedly was kept under almost full steam in order to run the dynamos and move the ship in case of need. The explosion of such a boiler might easily drive through the bulkhead and fire the magazine.

Inasmuch as suspicion exists in some quarters that a torpedo was used against the Maine, it may be said that the majority of naval officers believe that the character of the explosion was hardly such as could be attributed to a torpedo. The latter, charged with about 100 pounds of powder or gun cotton, it is believed would have torn a large hole in the bottom or side of the Maine, but was scarcely likely to fire the magazine, which is not near the bottom.

Belknap Thinks a Torpedo Caused It.

Boston, Feb. 17.—Rear Admiral George Belkuap, U. S. N., retired, said yesterday that he thought the Maine was blown up by a torpedo. "I do not see," he said, "how an explosion of the forward magazine could have occurred. The keys of the magazines are always kept in the custody of the captain. All the ammunition is carefully cased, mostly in the form of projectiles, and their explosion by themselves is next to impossible." He said it was a very significant thing that the Maine should have blown up in that particular harbor at this particular time.

ADMIRAL BEARDSLEE.

Placed on the Retired List on Account of Age Limit.

Rear Admiral Lester A. Beardslee, who was placed upon the retired list recently according to the law of the age limit, was the first of the eight rear admirals who will go into retirement this year. Commodore C. S. Norton was made rear admiral.

Admiral Beardslee is now 62 years old and one of the most interesting characters of Uncle Sam's sea-fighting department. When he was on his own ship and when his ship was in action he was a good disciplinarian, and was rather rough with the enemy. He was on the

ADMIRAL BEARDSLEE.
(Just Placed on the Retired List of the Navy.)

Wachusett when she captured the rebel boat Florida, and he was the lieutenant commander who brought the prize to Hampton Roads. When the Wachusett came alongside the Florida Beardslee called out to one of the seamen on the rebel:

"Tell your captain to surrender without any fuss, or we'll send your d—d craft down among the sharks. Understand?"

Beardslee was in the attack of the ironclad fleet on Charleston defenses. He served for a time on the frigate Merrimac, and after the war was put in command of the Aroostook. Since 1869 he has filled many important posts. His last work upon the water was the command of the Pacific station, from which post he was transferred to Washington as president of the naval examining and relieving boards. The admiral was born in Little Falls, N. Y., and has been in the navy since 1850, when he was made acting midshipsman. He was made a rear admiral in March, 1895.

SCIENCE OF GRAFTING.

It Enabled Farmers to Raise Two Crops on One Vine.

It has been discovered that tomatoes and potatoes may be grown from the same stem with very satisfactory results. A series of careful experiments has recently been completed near Troyes, France, which shows that by simply grafting tomatoes to an ordinary potato plant the fruit grown will be larger and finer than if grown by the ordinary method. A picture of one of the new potato-tomato plants is presented herewith.

The new plant, strange as it may appear, is not in any sense a freak. It is a result that is obtained by accident, and cannot, therefore, be reproduced at will. The theory of this grafting is, on the other hand, perfectly simple and natural. The potato and the tomato belong to the same general botanic family of plants. This general division which the botanists have made is called the "solanaceæ" or, more commonly, the "night shades." Among the other members of this family are the tobacco,

THE POTATO-TOMATO.
(The Latest Triumph of the Science of Grafting.)

pepper and the poisonous jimson weed. Any one of these plants may, therefore, be grafted on the stem of any other.

The discovery promises to be of the greatest importance in the limited garden space of Europe. In America, where land is not so thickly populated, there is little object in such economy, but in the truck gardens of the low countries and in France it will doubtless prove to be an extremely important economical discovery. The farmers of these sections may now raise crops both of tomatoes and potatoes on the same land at the same time.

Squirrels Invade a House.

On several occasions recently the family of Isaac Batz, living at Round Top Valley, Berks county, Pa., observed rather queer looking flying objects entering through a broken window in the attic of their home. For a long time the garret of the house had been used only for storage purposes, and had not been entered by anyone in a number of months. Mr. Batz entered the garret and was astonished to find the place in possession of a small army of flying squirrels. The animals became greatly disturbed by the intrusion, and were driven from the place, killed or captured alive. The prisoners numbered 33. The finding of such a large number of flying squirrels under the circumstances is considered most extraordinary here.

New York's Baby Receipts.

There are 90,000 babies born in the city of New York every year. They number 250 a day, or one each six minutes. Take them out together for an airing, and the row of baby carriages would extend up the Hudson to Albany, 150 miles.

A COURT OF INQUIRY.

It Will Investigate the Tragedy Under Morro's Guns.

No More American Warships Will be Sent to Havana at Present—Many Sensational Rumors Denied by the Navy Department.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The government has settled back into a waiting attitude in respect to the terrible marine disaster in Havana harbor. The great shock caused by the news has given way to a calmer state of mind, realizing that the court of inquiry is the sole dependence in the search for the cause of the Maine's loss. Naval officials now await the results of that inquiry by a court named yesterday by the navy department.

All the news of the day came in the late afternoon in the shape of Capt. Sigsbee's report of the authorization of the funeral of his dead sailors, and Consul General Lee's story of the terrible struggle for life in the hull of the Maine.

The officials at the navy department devoted the day to an effort to correct the list of living and dead; to answering frantic telegraphic appeals from relatives of men on the battleship and in meeting the demands of the press representatives.

The disposition of the survivors, Capt. Dickens, acting chief of the navigation bureau, has arranged for. The wounded sailors in the Havana hospitals and elsewhere, when not in condition to be brought back to Key West, will be carefully looked after by Miss Clara Barton, who has been given carte blanche to buy everything necessary. The wounded able to get across to Key West will be taken care of in the marine hospital there. The sound survivors will be quartered in the spare army barracks there.

As for the Maine herself, notwithstanding discouraging reports from Lieut. Hood as to her condition, the navy department will make an effort to raise her. They say they are bound to remove the hull from the small harbor in any case, and it may be as easy to raise her as it would be to destroy the hull and machinery by the use of divers and dynamite. It is believed that this work can best be done by private wrecking corporations and negotiations are already afoot for placing the contract at an estimated cost of $200,000.

At the navy department denial was given of a report from Madrid that a torpedo flotilla was about to leave Key West for Cuba. It was stated that only two torpedo boats, the Cushing and Ericsson, are at Key West, and these will not be ordered to Cuba. It was strongly asserted that no present purpose existed of sending any warship there. Senor Dubose, the Spanish charge, had received no instructions up to 6 p. m. as to going to New York and stopping the Spanish ship Vizcaya from entering the port, and reports to this effect were discredited.

Capt. Sigsbee suggested to the navy department that it would be well to detail some small craft to watch over the wreck of the Maine. As the upper works are above water and much valuable property is thus exposed, the department has authorized one of the vessels now at Havana, the Mangrove probably, to be used for the purpose. It is said at the department that the naval court of inquiry which is to investigate the disaster can scarcely assemble for the work at Havana before next Monday.

The navy department authorizes a denial of the statement attributed to Capt. Sigsbee that he recommended to the department before he sailed for Havana that another ship than the Maine be sent to Havana, because th harbor was too dangerous, owing to the number of torpedoes planted in the bottom. As a matter of fact Sigsbee had not the slightest hint given him that his ship was to be selected for the visit 12 hours before his departure.

As to the number of torpedoes planted in Havana harbor it is said at the navy department that nobody aside from the Spanish officers in Havana knows what has been done to protect the harbor in that manner. It is not usual to keep the torpedoes in their berths in the water in times of peace: they are placed in the position assigned to them only as a war measure. There are some exceptions to this rule, for instance at Hong Kong, where the torpedoes are at all times kept in position and it may be presumed that the same precaution has been taken at Havana.

MAINE MARTYRS BURIED.

Huge Funeral Procession Escorts the Remains of the Victims to Their Graves.

Havana, Feb. 18.—The interment of the Maine martyrs took place Thursday afternoon. Shortly before the hour all Havana was in movement. The flags on the public buildings were at half-mast and many houses were draped in mourning. All classes were represented in the throng that filled the streets along which the huge funeral procession passed to the cemetery. Funeral music was furnished by the bands of the Isabella la Catolica and Porto Rico battalions, which accompanied the bodies. The funeral cortege started from the principal entrance of the city hall.

Crowns were received from the captain of the port, the mayor of Havana and officers of the port. These were in the Spanish national colors and were inscribed "to the victims of the Maine."

"Touched" Bisons for $30,000.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The Courier says that "clairvoyants," masquerading under the names of "Prof." Baldwin and Mme. Worthington, have swindled people out of more than $30,000 and disappeared. They advertised extensively and promised to do everything—to gratify every hope and ambition; to unite the parted, to bring lovers together, to avert calamities, to conquer enemies, to give important advice on marriage, divorce, business. They read palms, disclosed character by feeling any article the victim might furnish, but their most successful occupation was "touching" pocketbooks.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

—Apparently.—"I don't think the Cubans are anxious for autonomy." "No. The demand for autonomy does not seem to be equal to the supply."—Puck.

—"When a man stahts out ter live on 'is wits," said Uncle Eben, "dat very purceedin' 'rouses suspicion dat he hab a mighty small capital."—Washington Star.

—No Money in It.—Miss Van Rocks—"So you asked father, did you? And did he talk business?" Lord De Liverus—"No; he said all he could give was his consent."—Puck.

—Both Had Their Merits.—"Uncle, which breed of chickens is the best?" "Well, sah, de white ones is de easiest found, an' de dahk ones is de easiest hid atter yo' gits 'em."—Indianapolis Journal.

—Probably the Last—"Is this the last edition of the paper?" inquired the severe-looking old lady of the keen-eyed newsboy. "Yes'm," he replied, "I guess it is. Th' sheriff was just closin' up th' office as I came out."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Indignant Constituent—"The people are getting roused, sir! Your day is coming! If you'll look, sir, you can see the handwriting on the wall!" Boodle Alderman—"I don't give a darn for no handwritin' on walls. De fellies dat's pullin' fur me don't read."—Chicago Tribune.

—Mattie—"What has become of your antislang society that you took so much interest in a few months ago?" Helen—"Oh, it's in the consomme. The president got nutty and imagined she was the only dent in the pan, so we gave her the willies and the dinkydink association shot the shutes."—Chicago News.

ANCIENT REMEDIES.

Alchemy and Superstition—Some Ridiculous Compounds.

It is strange to notice the great belief which the ancients appeared to have in the restorative properties of human blood. So, for epilepsy, disease of the brain, and even for spleen, human blood was much recommended. "In the month of May take a considerable quantity of healthy young men's blood." The blood was distilled twice and dried in the sun. One wonders what the "healthy young men" had to say on this subject of blood letting, especially as "a considerable quantity" was taken. In olden times no one need remain wrinkled. All that was necessary was to "smear the face with a mixture of water and pounded root of wild cucumber." If anyone was afflicted with freckles it was his own fault; the remedy was simple if scarcely pleasant; he must "rub a bull's gall on the face." To us who are apt to be irritated by dust or smoke in the eye while on the railway, the following prescription should be valuable: "Chant the psalm 'Qui habitat' thrice over water, with which then douche the eye." A certain remedy for curing an inebriate was to give him as many eggs of the screech owl boiled hard as he could possibly eat, when he would ever after be a total abstainer. This is surely worthy the attention of the temperance societies. The search for "the philosopher's stone" seems to have been no mere craze of the unlettered. Men of unimpeachable ability and great learning wasted the greater part of their lives on this quest. Some supposed mercury to be the chief transmitting force; others thought that by sulphur the bodies of metals could be turned into "the most fine pure gold and silver." Though Bacon was a firm believer in the elixir vitae, Paracelsus was the most dilligent inquirer after this wondrous liquid. He prepared a remedy called "Primum Ens Melissae," which was made of pure carbonate of potash and the fresh leaves of the melista plant, on which was poured pure alcohol. Generally, however, the idea seems to have been that the elixir of life was composed of the four elements blended together.—London Spectator.

MAORIS BECOMING EXTINCT.

New Zealand Colored Race Is Fast Succumbing Before the Whites.

The Maoris of New Zealand seem to be doomed to extinction in spite of the fact that all the conditions surrounding them appear to be favorable to their survival. The quarrel between the races is ended, and large tracts of land are reserved for them. The young men are educated, 90 per cent. of them being able to read and write. Their chiefs in many cases derive large incomes from rents of land, and are represented in the legislature. A great Maori college stands at Te Auti, Hawke's bay, and not a few of the cleverer Maori youths have passed through the classes of the New Zealand university. And yet the Maoris, under that mysterious law which makes a colored race vanish before the breath of the all-conquering white, are passing away.

A conference of educated Maoris was held a short time ago, and papers were read on the condition and prospects of the race. These are now published in pamphlet form, and make a very melancholy bit of literature. It is declared that 90 per cent. of educated Maoris go back from their schools to mere savagery. The race, these representative Maoris declare, is lower both in morals and in vitality than it has ever yet been, and threatens to perish. Yet physically and intellectually the Maori is—or was—the finest colored race in the southern hemisphere.—N. Y. Post.

Social Expedient.

Foxey—Did you send the Borems a card for your musicale?

Mrs. Foxey—Yes; how could I get out of it?

"Well, I'll tell Borem that Smith is going to come. Borem owes him money."—Philadelphia Record.

A Point of Taste.

Coubrette—Don't you think the gentleman who sent these flowers to me showed good taste?

Comedian—In the selection of the flowers—yes.—Up-to-Date.

SPAIN'S DISCLAIMER.

Dons' Government Does Not Indorse De Lome's Letter.

Criticisms of President McKinley that Were Contained in the Ex-Minister's Note to Canalejas are Not Indorsed by the Castillians.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Spain has officially disclaimed in a positive manner the reflections contained in the De Lome letter and as officially announced by the state department the incident is satisfactorily closed.

The following is an abstract of a note sent Wednesday evening by the Spanish government to Minister Woodford at Madrid:

The Spanish government, on learning of the incident in which Minister De Lome was concerned, and being advised of his objectionable communication, with entire sincerity laments the incident which was the cause of the interview with the minister and states that Minister De Lome had presented his resignation and it had been accepted before the presentation of the matter by Minister Woodford.

The Spanish ministry, in accepting the resignation of a functionary whose services they had been utilizing and valuing up to that time, leave it practically well established that they do not share and on the contrary disauthorize the criticisms tending to offend or censure the chief of a friendly state, although such criticisms had been written within the field of friendship, and had reached publicity by artful and criminal means. This meaning had taken shape in a resolution by the council of ministers before Gen. Woodford presented the matter, and at a time when the Spanish government had only vague telegraphic reports concerning the sentiments alluded to. The Spanish nation, with equal and greater reason affirms its view and decision after reading the words contained in the letter reflecting upon the president of the United States.

As to the paragraph concerning the desirability of negotiations for commercial relations, if even for effect, and the importance of using a representative for the purpose stated in Senor De Lome's letter, the government expresses concern that in the light of its conduct, long after the writing of the letter, and in view of the unanswerable testimony of simultaneous and subsequent facts, any doubt should exist that the Spanish government has given proof of its real desire and of its innermost convictions with respect to the new commercial system and the projected treaty of commerce.

A WAR MESSAGE.

Gov. Tanner, of Illinois, Sends a Sensational Document to the Legislature.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—Gov. Tanner yesterday called on the legislature to authorize him to tender to the president of the United States "the moral and material support" of Illinois, "to prevent or punish any attempt at hostile invasion of our country."

This he did in a message to the senate and house. In the senate the message came as a profound surprise. While it was being read by the governor's private secretary there was the deepest silence in the senate, and at its conclusion there was a burst of applause from both sides. Following is the governor's communication:

"To the Honorable Senate: The news of the calamity which has overtaken the United States battleship Maine and its ill-fated crew fills me with grief and horror, and I assume that the general assembly will by joint resolution express the sympathy of the people of this state for the gallant dead and wounded of our navy and for the surviving relatives.

"I am willing to believe that the loss of the Maine was the result of intention, and trust that the investigation ordered by our government may demonstrate that it was due to accidental cause. In view of the uncertainty which exists as to this point, it would seem that before the legislature adjourns sine die it should authorize the executive to tender to the president of the United States, on behalf of the state of Illinois, whatever moral and financial support may be necessary in this emergency to maintain the honor of the American flag and to prevent or punish any attempt at hostile invasion of our common country.

"JOHN R. TANNER, Governor."

Both houses of the legislature unanimously adopted a joint resolution indorsing the action of the governor in issuing the message.

MISS WILLARD IS DEAD.

World Famous Temperance Leader Joins the Great Majority on the Other Side.

New York, Feb. 18.—Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, died shortly after midnight this morning at the Hotel Empire, this city.

Frances Elizabeth Willard was born in Churchville, N. Y., September 28, 1839. She graduated at Northwestern female college, Evanston, Ill., in 1859, became professor of natural history there in 1862 and was principal of Genesee Wesleyan seminary in 1866-67. The following two years she spent in foreign travel. In 1871-74 she was professor of aesthetics in Northwestern university and dean of the woman's college, where she developed her system of self-government, which had been adopted by other educators. Miss Willard left her profession in 1874 to identify herself with the Woman's Christian Temperance union, serving as corresponding secretary of the national organization until 1879 and since then she has been president.

On the death of her brother, Oliver A. Willard, in 1879, she succeeded him as editor of the Chicago Evening Post. In 1886 she accepted the leadership of the white cross movement in her own union, which has obtained through her influence enactments in 12 states for the protection of women. In 1888 she was made president of the American branch of the international council of women and of the World's Christian Temperance union, which she had founded five years before, and she was repeatedly re-elected.

All on Board Lost.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 18.—A special from Juneau, Alaska, confirms the news of the loss of the steamer Clara Nevada and says: "The cause of the disaster was doubtless the explosion of her boilers. Of the 50 people on board none are believed to have been saved. The Clara Nevada was a tramp steamer, and as she was plying between United States ports she did not file her passenger list with the customs house officers. Those whom she had aboard had been picked up at Skaguay. It is thought that she carried about 20 passengers, of whom two or three were women."

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The above Reward will be paid for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who placed iron and slabs on the track of the Emporium & Rich Valley R. R., across the east line of Franklin Housler's farm, on the evening of Nov. 21st, 1891.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Hon. C. W. Stone is rapidly forging to the front as the most popular candidate for Governor.

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The theory that gold is appreciating has just received a very black eye by the discovery that the value of the gold mined in the world in 1897 exceeded the total value of both gold and silver mined in the world in 1887.

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It is now estimated that the February receipts under the Dingley law will reach $29,000,000, which will be in marked contrast with the February receipts during the operations of the Wilson law. A tabulated table shows the February receipts in each year since the beginning of the operation of the McKinley law, and covering all of the years in which the Wilson law was upon the statute books.

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Treasury figures are assuming a brighter and more satisfactory condition. Receipts this month for thus far have averaged over a million dollars a day and prospects are that next month will be even better. As the total expenditures of the Government average but a million dollars a day, it will be seen that the new law has already practically reached the point promised by its framers—an income equal to the expenditures.

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Economy and prompt business methods are the rule of action in the National House of Representatives, which is controlled by the Republicans. Present indications are that the appropriation bills of the present Congress will be kept at the lowest possible figure, and that the record for prompt action upon them as well as other important measures will be an unusually good one. Ten of the appropriation bills have already passed the House, and it is expected the remainder will be disposed of very promptly.

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How do Senator Teller and his free-silver associates who have been demanding that the bonds of the United States shall be declared payable in silver justify their course in the light of the fact that the Mexican government, whose financial methods they profess to so much to admire, is just arranging for a new issue of bonds payable in gold and gold only? But a trifling inconsistency of this kind cuts no figure with men who are merely advocating a cause for what they can get out of it in the matter of official preferment or otherwise.

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In discussing the Gubernatorial situation the Philadelphia Times of Wednesday says: "It was stated that the Wanamaker men will work in harmony with the C. W. Stone anti-Quay compaign in the northwest, and that the friends of both candidates will combine to insure the election of delegates hostile to Quay, in as many northwest counties as possible." It might as well be understood now and to the end of the campaign, that Hon. C. W. Stone is a candidate for Governor as a Republican and not with the intention of "kicking over the traces" if he is unsuccessful in his aspirations. That there will be a combination in this section of the State "to ensure the election of delegates hostile to Mr. Quay," is news to Mr. Stone's supporters and there is not the slightest probablity of any movement of that character materializing.—Kane Republican.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 1898.

Prudence, patience and patriotism have characterized every act of President McKinley and every member of the cabinet since the awful news was received of the blowing up and sinking of the battleship Maine, in Havana habor, and the death of 250 of its crew. In the midst of the excitement consequent upon the sensational rumors of Spanish treachery, they have not for a minute lost their heads. A naval Court of Inquiry was at once appointed to ascertain whether the loss of the Maine was caused by accident or design, and by the time this is read it will be at work. Until it succeeds at getting at the truth, the administration joins with brave Captain Sigsbee, of the Maine, is asking for a suspension of public judgement. Not a scrap of news concerning the catastrophe received by the administration, or an order issued by it has been concealed, and nothing will be concealed. That the President is fully alive to our every interest is shown by his promptly refusing the request of the Spanish authorities at Havana to participate in the investigation, and that he is calmly performing his usual duties was shown by his departure for Philadelphia, to deliver an address before the faculty and students of the University of Pennsylvania, on the 22nd inst., in accordance with an engagement made months ago. His example should be followed by good citizens everywhere.

Senator Wolcott, of Col., has more than once shown himself to possess the faculty of calm judgment in times of public excitement, and to be a real, not a buncomb patriot, but never more strikingly than in the short speech he made against the misguided attempt to publish to the world a distrust of our Navy Department, by providing for a Congressional investigation of the wreck of the Maine. Mr. Wolcott said: "I desire to resent as utterly unfounded the suggestion that there is a patriotic citizen in the broad confines of this land who has not the fullest and most splendid and glorious confidence in every department of this government, and in the department of the Navy in particular, and it has been true in every administration since the time of Washington. The people of the United States have never yet been called upon to distrust one of the co-ordinate branches of this government, and they never will while the flag floats. The officers appointed to investigate this tragic disaster will do their duty. I do not under-rate the importance of the legislative branch of the government; I believe in its dignity and its wisdom, and in the openness of its discussion of public questions; but what we need now, in my opinion, is a decent and dignified silence in the face of the appalling calamity which has fallen upon our people. There are times for speaking and there are times for silence, and at this time, when we face the awful event that has overtaken us, we should restrain any expression of opinion or expression of our belief as to the causes of this terrible disaster until in a proper, regular, and formal way, an investigation may be had by the Navy Department, which we know will be conducted with the utmost uprightness and the utmost integrity." Senator Lodge of Mass., said on the same subject; "Does anyone suppose that the Captain of that ship, who, wounded and stunned by the explosion remained the last upon the sinking vessel, and who, in the midst of that awful excitement, sent a dispatch showing a coolness which is an honor to the American name, is going to lie about his ship? The Secretary of the Navy is a man of distinguished ability, of honor and patriotism. If anyone imagines that Secretary Long will not tell the truth and insist upon the whole of it, he little knows the character of the man. I think those who know Theodore Roosevelt would be slow to believe he would seek to conceal the truth in regard to this disaster. We want to know the truth. If it was an accident which destroyed the Maine, then let us provide, so far as human foresight can, against a recurrence. If it was treachery, then the righteous wrath of the American people will take a signal vengeance for the treachery which sent that ship to the bottom. And let no one think to stay it." Congress showed its good sense by confining its action on this subject to making an appropriation of $200,000 to be used in trying to save as much of the costly equipments of the Maine as possible.

The House, by a vote of 159 to 124, passed the Bankruptcy Bill which was reported from the committee as a substitute for the Nelson bill, which was passed by the Senate at the extra session.

The Southern cotton mill owners have been protesting against the constitutional amendment giving Congress authority to regulate the hours of labor in all the States. A resolution providing therefor is now being considered by the House Judiciary Committee.

In this section of the state the naturally strong feeling for C. W. Stone, of Warren county, for Governor, is growing and gaining strength. He would make a good candidate; we believe him to be honest and capable, and a fit man in every respect. Erie county has delegates announced who ask the votes of their party on the ground that they are pledged to C. W. Stone. In this county Col. Dick, J. J. Carter, Jesse More and L. O. McLane are announced for delegates, unpledged to rny one, but but pledged to opsose to the end the manipulations of W. H. Andrews and others who arrogate to themselves the rigtht to do the political thinking for the Republicans of Pennsylvania. All Republicans may trust Dick, Carter, Moore and McLane.—Meadville Gazette.

Huston Hill.

Good sleighing.

Mr. R. L. Dill is hustling in his logs.

John Williams and Harvey Hicks had business at Mix Run last week. They say it was a cold reception.

A. H. is hustling in his logs.

A. S. Bailey has resigned. He says he will no longer be classed as a peddler.

Our school pap arrived here on Monday, after an all night's drive.

We are preparing for an entertainment which will be given at the end of the term.

Orla Miller had business at Medix last week.

A crowd was out sleigh-riding last Thursday night.

The wedding bells are ringing.

Last Thursday night a certain young gentleman escorted a young lady home and was met at the door by the dear girl's mother, with a broom stick and she proceeded to use it to the best of her ability.

BALL BABY.

Mason Hill Letter.

Did they get married? Well I guess yes!

Charley Welsh, of Dents Run, had business here on Friday.

L. B. Russell and Clell Bailey have finished their extensive tie job.

How does it sound? 263 majority against poor house. Echo answers back, "Good!"

Thomas Kailbourne, formerly of this place, but now of Huntley, was seen on our streets Sunday.

Three more weddings are booked—parties will be made known later.

J. M. English was thrown from his sleigh and badly hurt, at Castle Garden on Thursday night.

Will contemplates going to Chicago to see what has become of that dress.

Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Miller were guests of Mrs. A. H. Barr on Huston Hill, Wednesday.

Editor Hacket, who has been afflicted with the poor house fever, has no doubt laid in a good supply of soothing syrup and nerve tonic since the election.

Mr. E. J. Walker and Miss Amana Hill went to Olean on Thursday, and were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The writer wishes the young and much respected couple joy and happiness through life.

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6 23	12 45	.....	.....Hull.....	10 29	3 40	.....
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12 25	8 00	.....	dp H'rn'lsv'll' ar	5 20	.....	10 00
8 10	.....	.....	dp Buffo, Erie ar	8 00	.....	12 50

ANSONIA BRANCH.

55	53	51		50	52	54
P. M.	P. M.	A. M.		A. M.	A. M.	P. M
4 40	12 55	10 25	ar..Galeton..dp	8 40	11 40	2 00
4 20	12 40	10 12	..... Gaines.....	8 53	11 52	2 26
3 50	12 20	9 50	dp...Ansonia..ar	9 15	12 10	3 00
1 10	.....	7 10	W'mport F B R R	12 05	3 10	.....
4 30	.....	11 30	..Phila, P & R....	6 23	10 12	.....
.....	11 35	8 40	Wellsboro, F B R R	10 20	.....	4 20
.....	10 25	7 40	dp..Corning,..ar	11 20	.....	5 30

Additional train leaves Galeton at 6 20 p. m., arriving at Ansonia at 7 15 p. m., Williamsport 10 10 p. m.; Philadelphia 7 12 a.m., Wellsboro 8 55 p. m.

Returning leaving Ansonia 7 30 p. m., arriving at Galeton at 8 05 p. m. This train connects at Ansonia with Fall Brook No. 7, leaving Corning at 5 20 p.m., Wellsboro 6 50 p. m.

CROSS FORKS BRANCH.

43	41		STATIONS.	3	40	42
P. M.	A. M.			A. M.	P. M.	P. M
3 20	9 00	.....	ar dp	.....	12 22	6 00
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Bran, "	90
Corn, per bushel,	50
White Oats, per bushel,	40

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Contributions invited. That which you would like to see in this department, let us know by postal card, letter, or personally.

Judge Noyes, of Warren, is dangerously ill.

We regret to learn Mrs. I. A. Hirsch is in poor health.

Louis Norton, Howard Siding, was visiting in town Monday.

Sheriff Mundy made a business trip to Centre county this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Logan visited in Williamsport last Sunday and Monday.

Miss Jennie Dougherty has gone to Austin to visit her brother for a week or two.

Miss Myrtle Newton has returned from Olean, where she has been visiting relatives.

John McAdam, of Albany, N. Y., is visiting his brother Jas. H. McAdam, Jr., at this place.

Mr. Chas. Felt, of the Emporium Roller mills, made a business trip to Driftwood, Tuesday.

Jas. B. Schriever left on Tuesday for Bellefonte to attend the State Convention of Photographers.

C. E. Stump and R. F. Irons, of Emporim, were visitors in town Tuesday—Port Allegany Reporter.

Miss Gertrude Potter, of Cameron, is spending a few days in town, guest of Mr. T. Trotter and wife.

Mr. Ray Rentz, of Wichita, Kansas, has accepted a position with the Emporium Machine Company.

Emmet Tulis, who has been in Pittsburg for the past six months, attending college, has returned home.

We noticed Mark Goodwin headed for Larrabee's yesterday with a large jag of fox-skins over his shoulder.

Mrs. J. S. Douglas, of Olean, has been visiting her friends in town the past week, guest of C. M. Thomas and family.

James Welsh, Sr., sustained serious injury to his side, by falling on the ice, near the Portage bridge, last Tuesday, week.

Mrs. Proctor and son, of Fifth street, returned this morning from an extended visit with her parents, at Hammersley's Forks.

Ray Lewis, of Lock Haven, nephew of P. E. Lewis, is now employed in the glove factory, where he is going to learn the trade.

Don M. Larrabee, the promising son of M. M. Larrabee, has entered the law office of Johnson & McNarney, as student. He will make his mark.

H. B. Stark, of Scranton, Pa., has accepted a position in L. Taggart's drug store as clerk. He is a practical druggist of many year's experience.

E. C. Davison has concluded that all fools are not yet dead. He found two men on Tuesday who refused an excursion ticket to Buffalo at $2 50 and paid $3.61.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wright, of Clear Creek, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Julian, visited the PRESS sanctum yesterday and chatted pleasantly for some time. Call again.

Mr. and Mrs. David Murry, Mrs. E. O. Bardwell, Mrs. M. T. Hogan, Mrs. Powell, and many other Emporium citizens, took in the low rate excurcursion to Buffalo on Tuesday.

Rev. W. R. McNeil's remarks, Tuesday evening, at P. O. S. of A. entertainment are highly complimented upon—especially his remarks upon the present situation between this country and Spain.

Rev. J. H. McAdam, and nephew, James H. McAdam, Jr., have returned from Albany, N. Y., where they performed the sad duty of laying their brother and father at rest. The son and kind brother have the sympathy of our people.

Mrs. Margaret Fountain, who has been visiting her children in Emporinm for some months, has returned to her home in Virginia, after spending a pleasant time. She will visit in Brooklyn, N. Y. city and Richmond on her way home and will arrive at he destination this week.

E. E. Swartwood was a caller at the PRESS office on Tuesday and promptly renewed his subscription for another year. Mr. S. is one of our most prompt paying patrons and never allows his subscription to expire more than a day before he pushes the date ahead another year.

We were greatly pleased to receive a letter on Tuesday, from our old friend and stalwart Republican hustler, John R. Buckwalter, of Winchester, Ky. Among other things he says himself and family are well and reports the lumber trade fine; has two portable mills, besides the river mill in operation.

Ode to the Poor House.

"Requiscat in Pace."

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! The victory is won;
Down went the poor house,
And with it Lemuel Con.
S. S., he could not save it,
Though bravely he did try;
For when the voters voted,
They winked the other eye.

There is Gibson, Grove and Driftwood,
They hit it good and hard;
And Lumber, too, did very well,
Although not quite so large.
And little Portage township
In line did take her place,
And to the county poor house
Did give the marble face.

To every loyal voter who stood up in the ranks,
The tax payers of the county
Owe you a vote of thanks;
And as the poor house now is dead,
We will let the subject drop;
And to this doggerel I have written
Put a sudden stop.

—ORIGINAL.

Driftwood, Pa., Feb. 16, 1898.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Miss Minnie Bargelt is visiting relatives and friends in Buffalo.

Frank Lamont left Emporinm on Monday, for Dawson City, Alaska.

Dr. Bradford came over from Austin on Sunday to visit with his friends.

Miss Alice Montgomery, of Austin, is visiting friends in town for a few days.

Geo. Walker, Jr., and Geo. Johnston visited Buffalo over Sunday, taking in all the sights.

District Attorney Wimmer, of St. Marys, is transacting business in Emporium to-day.

Miss Clara Kepler, of Westport, is visiting in town, guest of Misses Rena and Lizzie Fetter, on Fifth St.

John R. Montgomery, Jr., came over from Austin last evening to visit Emporium friends for a few days.

Miss Lena Switzer, of St. Marys, formerly of Emporium, spent a few days in Emporium, guest of Miss Lena Weisenfluth.

Miss Mame Logan leaves to-morrow to visit friends at Lock Haven and Williamsport. She will be absent several weeks.

Mrs. Harry Ness, of Johnsonburg, visited her parents in town over Sunday—I. A. Hirsch and family. They returned on Tuesday.

Jno. May, the efficient P. & E. section foreman at Sterling Run, was visiting in town on Tuesday. He is one of the best men in the employ of the Penn'a R. R.

We are pleased to inform the PRESS readers that Judge Bonham is improving from his serious illness, under the care of Dr. Bardwell, and careful nursing of his family. He hopes to be out in a few days.

Mr. H. A. Cox, for many years bookkeeper for C. B. Howard & Company, lumber dealers at this place, will next week go upon the road as sales agent. His headquarters will be in Philadelphia. Alec. McDonnell and Wm. Robinson have been appointed book-keepers and clerks in the main office at this place. Mr. Wm. Kaye takes Mr. McDonnell's place in the store and R. R. McQuay takes Mr. Kaye's place at the store.

Wm. H. Taylor, for the past three or four years an employee of the Mankey Furniture Company, has tendered his resignation to that firm, and will go to Philadelphia next Saturday, to accept a position with the Goff Furniture Co. Mr. Taylor is a very pleasant gentleman and a most desirable citizen and has, since his residence here, made many friends. He had charge of the Cabinet making department at the Mankey works and was one of their most trustworthy employees.

Dr. Swallow is opposed to Stone; he won't even look at Wanamaker, and up to date no candidate pleases him. There does not seem to be anyone in the Republican party fit to be Governor. This is hard. His hand is raised against every one

And yet Dr. Swallow is not so difficult to please, after all. There is Swallow, for instance. He could swallow the nomination of Swallow and not gag at it.

It would be extremely easy for Swallow to elect himself. All that he would have to do would be to get a majority of the citizens of Pennsylvania to vote for him. That is all.

There is only one little difficulty in the way. It takes more than one Swallow to make a Commonwealth. The danger might be, should Swallow run, that the people would swallow Swallow. And then what would become of Swallow?—Phila. *Inquirer.*

Politics in this county is very likely to be of the red letter type during the balance of the year 1898 and prospective candidates are looming upon the horizon and their name is likely to be legion in the course of a couple of months. There will be a large amount of political timber from which selections can be made and the candidates heard from thus far are of an unusual high standard. This condition of things speaks well for the future of the party and while a spirited campaign is assured it no doubt will be carried on in such a spirit of fairness as will insure Republican success at the polls in November. Cameron county presents the names of B. W. Green, Esq., and J. C. Johnson, Esq., both of Emporium, as candidates for President Judge for this judicial district. Mr. Green is reported to be a man of eminent fitness for the position and proclaims himself an earnest candidate for the nomination. Mr. Johnson is also fully qualified and either of these gentlemen would honor the bench if elected to it. It looks as though Hon. C. A. Mayer, the present incumbent, will have to make the fight of his life for his re-election, and his political adversaries are numerous and virulent enough to make their influence felt—Mill Hall Times.

Rev. Davies Wrong.

The following telegram, dated Great Falls, Mont., will explain itself: "Church circles are much excited over the disappearance of Rev. Arthur Davies, M. A., temporary pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Six weeks ago Rev. Mr. Davies came here from Rochester to accept the vacancy made by the appointment of Dr. Gwynne as synodical for Dakoto.

He came on the recommendation of Dr. Gwynne, who had known him as a Presbyterian clergyman in Pennsylvania.

Shortly after his arrival it was discovered that his name was not in the New York Presbytery report. This Davies acknowledged was on account of his having been absent for three years studying for his degree.

An investigation resulted in the discovery that two years ago Davies left the Presbyterian church and was regularly ordained in the Episcopal church and until recently had a church in Rochester.

He arrived here without means.

Rev. Mr. Davies packed his grip, and without waiting to bid his flock goodbye, left from parts unknown."

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BRIEF MENTION.

Some farmers, who do not manage properly, do their work in an indifferent manner, and are always complaining of poor crops. The Palmyra, N. Y., Courier says that a farmer in Ontario county sold $6,000 worth of potatoes last fall, the average yield being over 300 bushels to the acre. His farm is a small one, and last year he offered the place for sale for a little less than $3,000. A fine farm adjoining his produced scarcely enough for the owner's use.

It is reported that the W. N. Y. & P. intend to construct a road six miles long, from Port Allegany to Crosby, on the Clermont branch. The W. N. Y. & P. will then abandon the old road from Larrabee to Crosby, which will save the expense of maintaining half a dozen bridges, and a ten mile up grade haul with no business in sight to pay expenses. It is a wonder that the company did not make the change long ago.—Port Allegany Reporter.

James A. McKean slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk Wednesday afternoon and broke his right arm between the elbow and shoulder. Dr. Clark adjusted the fracture and made the patient as comfortable as the circumstances would allow. The injury will deprive Mr. McKean of the use of his arm for several weeks.—Smethport Miner.

The genial Hugh Boyd of Clermont was in town Wednesday greeting old friends. Ever since Hugh paid a visit to the hub of the universe (Boston) where he learned the habit of eating beans, he has not done a thing but take on flesh until he has become so corpulent that his most intimate friends are hardly able to recognize him.—McKean Miner.

Charles L. Wheeler, of Bradford, one of the pioneers of the oil regions, died at Bradford suddenly Saturday night, Feb. 12, of apoplexy. He was 68 years old and a Mason of high degree, prominent in church and society, and a good man who will be greatly missed.

Rebekahs Thank.

The committee representing the Odd Fellows Payment Fund wish to return their thanks to the people for the generous patronage bestowed upon them, at the supper given on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th, and at this time give notice that a birthday party will be given in the near future, at the same parlor, to which the general public will be invited.

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TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM EASTWARD,

8 20 A. M.—Train 8 week days for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6.23 P. M., New York 9.30 P. M., Baltimore 6.00 P. M., Washington 7.15 P. M. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3 20 P. M.—Train 6 week days for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia, 4.20 A. M., New York 7.33 A.M. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 A. M.

8 57 P. M. Train 4 Daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6.52 A. M., New York 9.33 A. M., weekdays, (10.58 A. M., Sunday;) Baltimore 6.20 A. M., Washington 7.40 A. M. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport. Passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore.

WESTWARD.

5:10 A. M.—Emporium Junction—Train 9 week days for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations.

10 25 A. M.—Train 3 Daily for Erie and week days for DuBois and intermediate stations.

6 25 P. M.—Train 15, week days for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junction 5:10 a. m., week days, with Pullman Sleepers and passenger coaches, from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3 leaves New York 7.40 p. m., Philadelphia 11.20 p. m., Washington 10.40 p. m, Baltimore 11.50 p. m., daily, arriving at Emporium 10.25 a. m., with Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport, and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport on Sundays only Pullman Sleepers from Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8.30 a. m., Washington 7.50 a.m., Baltimore 8.50 a.m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 A. M., week days, arriving at Emporium 6.25 P. M., with Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport, and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Kane.

RIDGWAY & CLEARFIELD RAILROAD and Connections.

(Week days.)

SOUTHWARD. A. M.	A. M.	Stations.	P. M.	P. M.
8 50	4 00	Renovo	5 00	10 20
9 43	4 41	Driftwood	4 03	9 30
10 20	5 10	Emporium June	3 25	9 00
11 02	5 52	St. Marys	2 40	8 19
11 15		Kane	12 15	9 05
11 36		Wilcox	11 51	8 42
11 49		Johnsonburg	11 36	8 27
12 10	6 25	Ridgway	8 55	8 00
12 17	6 27	Island Run	8 43	7 52
12 22	6 32	Carman Tr'nfer	8 38	7 47
12 31	6 41	Croyland	8 29	7 38
12 35	6 45	Shorts Mills	8 26	7 33
12 39	6 48	Blue Rock	8 22	7 30
	6 56	Vinyard Run	8 19	
12 43	6 52	Carrier	8 17	7 26
12 53	7 02	Brockwayville	8 08	7 17
12 57	7 06	Lanes Mills	8 02	7 12
1 07	7 14	Harveys Run	7 54	7 04
1 15	7 20	Falls Creek	7 59	7 00
1 40	7 35	DuBois	7 40	6 40
1 29	7 25	Falls Creek	7 00	6 55
1 35	7 40	Reynoldsville	6 45	6 40
2 11	8 16	Brookville	6 09	6 04
3 05	9 10	New Bethlehem	5 20	5 10
3 50	9 55	Red Bank		4 25
6 30	12 40	Pittsburg		1 40
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager. J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agt.

WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY

Time Table in Effect April 18, 1897.

Trains leave Emporium for Keating-Port Allegany, Coudersport, Smethport, Eldred, Bradford, Olean and Buffalo, connecting at Buffalo for points East and West.

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 8.30 A. M.
Mail, (103 daily except Sunday..... 1.50 P. M.

Train No. 103 (mail) will connect at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Bradford, Salamanca Warren, Oil City and Pittsburg.

Call on E. C. DAVISON, Agent, Emporium, for time tables or other information.

R. BELL, Gen'l Supt.
J. A. FELLOWS, Gen'l Pass'ngr & Ticket Agt. Mooney Brisbane Building, Cor. Main and Clinton Streets, Buffalo, N. Y.

TIME TABLE No. 23.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R.

Taking effect June 15th, 1897.

EASTWARD.

STATIONS.		10 P. M.	4 P. M.	6 A. M.	2 P. M.
Port Allegany	Lv.	3 15	7 18		12 10
Coleman		○○	○○		*12 15
Burtville		*3 30	7 29		12 22
Roulette		3 40	7 36		12 29
Knowlton's		*3 45	○○		*12 34
Mina		3 55	7 46		12 41
Olmsted		*4 00	*7 50		*12 46
Hammonds		○○	○○		*12 51
Coudersport.	Ar.	4 15	7 57		12 55
	Lv.			6 30	1 00
North Coudersport				○○	*1 05
Frink's				*6 40	*1 14
Colesburg				*6 46	1 29
Seven Bridges				*6 50	*1 24
Raymonds's				*7 01	1 36
Gold				7 06	1 42
Newfield				*7 10	1 45
B. & S. Junction				7 13	1 50
Perkins				*7 16	*1 53
Carpenter's				○○	*1 56
Crowell's				*7 21	*2 00
Ulysses	Ar.			7 30	2 10

WESTWARD.

STATIONS.		1 A. M.	5 P. M.	3 A. M.	
Ulysses	Lv.	7 42	2 30	10 05	
Crowell's		*7 51	*2 40	*10 17	
Carpenter's		○○	*2 42	*10 20	
Perkins		*7 54	*2 45	*10 25	
B. & S. Junction		7 57	2 50	10 30	
Newfield		*8 00	2 54	*10 35	
Gold		8 04	2 56	10 42	
Raymond's		*8 07	2 59	*10 47	
Seven Bridges		*8 13	*3 11	*11 05	
Colesburg		*8 21	3 15	*11 10	
Frink's		*8 28	*3 22	*11 17	
North Coudersport		○○	*3 30	*11 27	
Coudersport.	Ar.	8 43	3 35	11 35	
	Lv.	8 45	6 00	P. M. 1 30	
Hammonds		○○	○○	*1 34	
Olmsted		*8 51	*6 06	*1 40	
Mina		8 55	6 10	1 45	
Knowlton's		○○	*6 18	○○	
Roulette		9 05	6 22	1 57	
Burtville		9 13	6 30	2 10	
Coleman		○○	*6 36	○○	
Port Allegany		9 24	6 40	2 35	

(*) Flag stations. (○○) Trains do not stop.

Connections—At Ulysses with Fall Brook R'y. for points north and south. At Newfield Junction with Buffalo & Susquehanna R. R., north of Wellsville, south of Galeton and Ansonia. At Port Allegany with W. N. Y. & P. R. R., north for Buffalo, Olean, Bradford and Smethport; south for Keating Summit, Austin, Emporium and Penn'a R. R., points.

B. A. McCLURE, Gen'l Supt.
Coudersport, Pa.

BUFFALO, ROCHESTER & PITTSBURGH RAILWAY

THE SHORT LINE BETWEEN BUFFALO, ROCHESTER SALAMANCA, RIDGWAY, DUBOIS, PUNXSUTAWNEY, AND ALL POINTS IN THE NORTH, EAST AND WEST.

On and after Nov. 25, 1894, passenger trains will depart from Johnsonburg daily except Sunday, as follows:

10:30 a. m.—Accommodation, for Mt. Jewett, Bradford and intermediate stations.

8:58 a. m.—Accommodation, for Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

10:30 a. m.—Rochester Mail, for Mt. Jewett, Bradford, Salamanaca, Buffalo and Rochester.

3:35 p. m.—Mail, for Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois, Punxsutawney and intermediate stations.

3:55 p. m.—Accommodation, for Mt. Jewett, Bradford and intermediate stations.

Thousand mile tickets good for passage between all stations at two cents per mile.

R. G. MATHEWS, Gen. Supt., Rochester, N. Y.
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THE EXPLOITS OF BRIGADIER GERARD.

How the Brigadier Held the King.

By A. CONAN DOYLE.

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CHAPTER V.

Finally he began to speak of what the English call sport, and he told such stories of the money which he had lost over which of two cocks could kill the other, or which of two men could strike the other the most in a fight for a prize, that I was filled with astonishment. He was ready to bet upon anything in the most wonderful manner, and when I chanced to see a shooting star he was anxious to bet that he would see more than me, twenty-five francs a star, and it was only when I explained that my purse was in the hands of the brigands that he would give over the idea.

Well, we chatted away in this very amiable fashion until the day began to break, when suddenly we heard a great volley of musketry from somewhere in the front of us. It was very rocky and broken ground, and I thought, although I could see nothing, that a general engagement had broken out. The Bart laughed at my idea, however, and explained that the sound came from the English camp, where every man

SUDDENLY WE HEARD A GREAT VOLLEY OF MUSKETRY.

emptied his piece each morning so as to make sure of having a dry priming.

"In another mile we shall be up with the outposts," said he.

I glanced around at this and I perceived that we had trotted along at so good a pace during the time that we were keeping up our pleasant chat that the dragoon with the lame horse was altogether out of sight. I looked on every side, but in the whole of that vast rocky valley there was no one save only the Bart and I—both of us armed, you understand, and both of us well mounted. I began to ask myself whether after all it was quite necessary that I should ride that mile which would bring me to the British outposts.

Now I wish to be very clear with you on this point, my friends, for I would not have you think that I was acting dishonorably or ungratefully to the man who had helped me away from the brigands. You must remember that of all duties the strongest is that which a commanding officer owes to his men. You must also bear in mind that war is a game which is played under fixed rules, and when these rules are broken one must at once claim the forfeit. If, for example, I had given a parole, then I should have been an infamous wretch had I dreamed of escaping. But no parole had been asked of me. Out of overconfidence and the chance of the lame horse dropping behind, the Bart had permitted me to get upon equal terms with him. Had it been I who had taken him I should have used him as courteously as he had me, but at the same time I should have respected his enterprise so far as to have deprived him of his sword, and seen that I had at least one guard besides myself. I reined up my horse and explained this to him, asking him at the same whether he saw any breach of honor in my leaving him.

He thought about it, and several times repeated that which the English say when they mean "Mon Dieu." "You

I WAS DETERMINED NOT TO HURT THIS YOUNG MAN.

would give me the slip, would you?" said he.

"If you can give no reason against it."

"The only reason that I can think of," said the Bart, "is that I should instantly cut your head off if you should attempt it."

"Two can play at that game, my dear Bart," said I.

"Then we'll see who can play it best," he cried, pulling out his sword.

I had drawn mine also, but I was quite determined not to hurt this admirable young man who had been my benefactor.

"Consider!" said I. "You say that I am your prisoner. I might with equal reason say that you are mine. We are alone here, and though I have no doubt that you are an excellent swordsman, you would hardly hope to hold your own against the best blade in the six light cavalry brigades."

His answer was a cut at my head. I parried and shore off half of his white plume. He thrust at my breast. I turned his point and cut away the other half of his cockade.

"Curse your monkey tricks!" he cried, as I wheeled my horse away from him.

"Why should you strike at me," said I. "You see that I will not strike back."

"That's all very well," said he. "But you've got to come along with me to the camp."

"I shall never see the camp," said I.

"I'll lay you nine to four you do," he cried, as he made at me, sword in hand.

But those words of his put something new into my head. Could we not decide the matter in some better way than by fighting? The Bart was placing me in such a position that I should have to hurt him, or he would certainly hurt me. I avoided his rush, though his sword point was within an inch of my neck.

"I have a proposal," I cried. "We shall throw dice as to which is the prisoner of the other."

He smiled at this. It appealed to his love of sport.

"Where are your dice?" he cried.

"I have none."

"Nor I, but I have cards."

"Cards let it be," said I.

"And the game?"

"I leave it to you."

"Ecarte, then—the best of three."

I could not help smiling as I agreed, for I do not suppose that there were three men in France who were my masters at the game. I told the Bart as much as we dismounted. He smiled also as he listened.

"I was counted the best player at Watier's," said he. "With even luck you deserve to get off if you beat me."

So we tethered our two horses and sat down, one on either side of the great flat rock. The Bart took a pack of cards out of his tunic and I had only to see him shuffle them to convince me that I had no novice to deal with. We cut and the deal fell to him.

My faith, it was a stake worth playing for. He wished to add a hundred gold

"I HAVE A PROPOSAL," I CRIED.

pieces a game, but what was money when the fate of Col. Etienne Gerard hung upon the cards? I felt as though all those who had reason to be interested in the game, my mother, my hussars, the Sixth corps d'armee, Ney, Messena, even the emperor himself, were forming a ring around us in that desolate valley. Heavens, what a blow to one and all of them should the cards go against me. But I was confident, for my ecarte play was as famous as my swordsmanship, and, save old Bouvet, of the hussars, who won seventy-six out of one hundred and fifty games off me, I have always had the best of a series.

CHAPTER VI.

The first game I won right off, though I must confess that the cards were with me, and that my adversary could have done no more. In the second I never played better and saved a trick by a finesse, but the Bart voled me once, marked the king, and ran out in the second hand. My faith, we were so excited that he laid his helmet down beside him, and I my busby.

"I'll lay my roan mare against your black horse," said he.

"Done," said I.

"Saddle, bridle and stirrups!" he cried.

"Done!" I shouted.

I had caught this spirit of sport from him. I would have laid my hussars against his dragoons, had they been ours to pledge.

And then began the game of games. Oh, he played, this Englishman; he played in a way that was worthy of such a stake. But I—my friends, I was superb! Of the five which I had to make to win I gained three on the first hand. The Bart bit his mustache and drummed his hands, while I already felt myself at the head of my dear little rascals. On the second I turned the king, but lost two tricks, and my score was four to his two. When I saw my next hand I could not but give a cry of delight. If I cannot gain my freedom on this, thought I, I deserve to remain forever in chains.

Give me the the cards, landlord, and I will lay them on the table for you. Here was my hand—knave and ace of clubs, queen and knave of diamonds and king of hearts. Clubs are trumps, mark you, and I had but one point between me and freedom. As you may think, I declined his proposal. He knew that it was the crisis, and he undid his tunic. I threw my dolman on ground. He led the ten of spades. I took it with my ace of trumps. One point in my favor. The correct play was to clear the trumps, and I led the knave. Down came the queen upon it, and the game was equal. He led the eight of spades, and I could only discard my ace of diamonds. Then came the seven of spades, and the hair fairly stood straight up on my head. We each threw down a king at the finale. He had won two points, and my beautiful hand had been mastered by his inferior one. I could have rolled on the ground as I thought of it. They used to play very good ecarte at Watier's in the year '10. I say it—I, Brigadier Gerard.

The last game was now for all. This next hand must settle it one way or the other. He undid his sash and I put away my sword belt. He was cool, this Englishman, and I tried to be also, but the perspiration would trickle into my eyes. The deal lay with him and I may confess to you, my friends, that my hand shook so that I could hardly pick my cards from the rock. But when I raised them what was the first thing that my eyes rested upon? It was the king, the king, the glorious king of trumps. My mouth was open to declare it when the words were frozen to my lips by the appearance of my comrade.

He held his cards in his hand, but his jaw had fallen and his eyes were staring over my shoulder with

MY BEAUTIFUL HAND HAD BEEN MASTERED.

the most dreadful expression of consternation and surprise. I whisked round, and I myself was amazed at what I saw.

Three men were standing quite close to us—fifteen meters at the farthest. The middle one was of a good height, and yet not too tall—about the same height in fact that I am myself. He was clad in a dark uniform with a small cocked hat and some sort of white plume upon the side. But I had little thought for his dress. It was his face, his gaunt cheeks, his beak of a nose, his masterful blue eyes, his thin firm slit of a mouth which made one feel that this was a wonderful man, a man of a million. His brows were tied into a knot, and he cast such a glance at my poor Bart from under them that one by one the cards came fluttering down from his nerveless fingers. Of the two other men, one, who had a face as brown and as hard as though it had been carved out of old oak, wore a bright red coat, while the other, a fine portly man with bushy side whiskers, was in a blue jacket with gold facings. Some little distance behind three orderlies were holding as many horses, while an escort of lancers were waiting in the rear.

"Heh, Crawford, what the devil's this?" asked the thin man.

"D' you hear, sir," cried the man with the red coat. "Lord Wellington wants to know what this means."

My poor Bart broke into an account of all that had occurred, but that rock-face never softened for an instant.

"Pretty fine, 'pon my word, Gen. Crawford," he broke in. "The discipline of this force must be maintained, sir! Report yourself at headquarters as a prisoner."

It was dreadful to me to see the Bart mount his horse and ride off with hanging head. I could not endure it. I threw myself before this English general. I pleaded with him for my friend. I told him how I, Col. Gerard, would witness what a dashing young

"REMOVE THE PRISONER TO THE REAR."

officer he was. Ah, my eloquence might have melted the hardest heart; I brought tears to my own eyes, but none to his. My voice broke and I could say no more.

"What weight do you put on your mules, sir, in the French service?" he asked. Yes, that was all this phlegmatic Englishman had to answer to these burning words of mine. That was his reply to what would have made a Frenchman weep upon my shoulder.

"What weight on a mule?" asked the man with the red coat.

"Two hundred and ten pounds," said I.

"Then you load them deucedly badly," said Lord Wellington. "Remove the prisoner to the rear."

His lancers closed in upon me, and I—I was driven mad, as I thought that the game had been in my hands and I ought at that moment to be a free man. I held the cards up in front of the general.

"See, my lord!" I cried, "I played for my freedom and I won, for, as you perceive, I hold the king."

For the first time a slight smile softened his gaunt face.

"On the contrary," said he, as he mounted his horse, "it was I who won, for, as you perceive, my king holds you."

[THE END.]

Clear Case.

Justice—You are accused of resisting a police officer.

Toots—Then I plead guilty to insanity.—N. Y. World.

EUGENE FRANCIS LOUD.

California Congressman with a Romantic Career.

In a Legislative Way He Has Become Famous as the Chairman of the House Committee on Post Offices.

Eugene Francis Loud, named, it is interesting to note, for Napoleon's stepson, Eugene Beauharnais, member of congress from the Fifth California district and chairman of the committee on post offices and post roads, who has made himself conspicuous through his agitation of postal matters, especially for his opposition to the present law regarding newspaper postage, which he says is now subject to great abuses, is of Puritan descent. He was born in the picturesque old town of Abington, Mass., on March 12, 1847. His father, Reuben Loud, was known by his neighbors as a man of independent and radical spirit.

Young Loud, says the New York Tribune, inherited this spirit and gave evidence of it at the early age of 13 by following in the footsteps of so many youths of the Bay state and running away to sea. A sailing vessel carried him around the Horn. By the time he reached California he had seen enough of adventure, and was content to settle down in the state which has since been his home, and which he has represented for four congresses in the lower house.

But Mr. Loud's romantic experiences were not to end with his service before the mast. This ardent young Yankee enlisted at the beginning of the war in the California cavalry, and served until the end of the struggle. He was with the army of the Potomac, with Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley, and it fell to his lot to be frequently in the midst of the hottest fighting.

After the close of the war Mr. Loud returned to California, and was honored by the state of his adoption with several political offices. He was for some time in the customs service, a

EUGENE FRANCIS LOUD.
(Chairman of the House Committee on Post Offices and Post-roads.)

member of the California legislature in 1884, and cashier and collector of the city and county of San Francisco. His experience in the house began with the Fifty-second congress, and he has been elected to every congress since.

Mr. Loud occupies a unique position on the money question. He is, first, last and for all time a gold man, but the convention which nominated him adopted resolutions in favor of free coinage, and pledged their candidate to it. On hearing this, Mr. Loud proposed to withdraw, but his friends refused to allow him to do so, and he was nominated and elected. He informed his constituents that the honor they had bestowed upon him had in no wise changed his opinions; that he was, as ever, for the gold standard, and refused to accept if there was any misunderstanding on this point. They were, however, willing to have him serve them, and since he has been in the house Mr. Loud has remained loyal to his principles, voting with the advocates of gold when the contest has been close, but casting his vote for silver when a vote either way made no difference. During his last campaign Mr. Loud made many gold speeches.

His ideas concerning the national post office have been thoroughly exploited and are well known, and no one but a layman would deny that some of the reforms he proposes would, if they could be properly initiated and carried out, be an improvement to the service; but, like all reformers, his zeal sometimes carries him too far. On several occasions Mr. Loud has enjoyed a tilt with Lemuel Ely Quigg, of New York, and Mr. Quigg does not always come out winner. Only recently Mr. Loud said, in characterizing one of Mr. Quigg's statement as false and unfounded:

"I have oftentimes regretted that the gentleman from New York could not know as much as he assumes to know."

The Value of Antiseptics.

The following facts were recently quoted by Prof. Kober, of the Georgetown university, in illustration of the good that has been accomplished in hygiene through the introduction of germicides and antiseptics. During the Crimean war many more than half the amputations that were performed resulted in the death of the patient, the exact percentage of mortality being 63.5. During the American civil war the mortality from amputation was still 48.7 per cent. Then the new methods came to be more and more employed, and in 1890 the statistics of amputation showed that the mortality was but 6.9 per cent.

No City Councils There.

Under the laws of China the man who loses his temper in a discussion is sent to jail for five days to cool down.

Inhabitants of the Sea.

A statistician asserts that every square mile of the sea is inhabited by 120,000,000 finny creatures

LOVELIEST IN THE WORLD.

But It Seems That He Was Referring to Another Woman.

"I know what I am talking about," remarked a member of congress, "when I say that a congressman has troubles of his own. It's a fine thing to be a statesman and show up in the national parade of greatness at the capital, but there's a good deal more to it than that. And one of the things that is hardest to bear is what they say about us. Why, a lady can't come up here and ask to see a member that there aren't half a dozen people to wink and shake the head and a lot more of the same to make him wish all the women were in hades. Of course, there is some ground among us for remarks, just as there is among preachers and doctors and hod carriers and everybody else human, and I know a woman or two who find their chief delight in trying to involve congressmen and other officials in any kind of a flirtation that comes handy. They are pretty and persuasive, and before a man knows what he is about he is down in the senate restaurant paying for a lunch and listening to some kind of a tale of woe.

"But they miss it now and then, and I am glad to note an instance which occurred only a day or two ago. A member from a northern state had been invited to call at the lady's hotel the next day and she had asked him to let her know if he could come. He wrote saying among other things: 'Tomorrow, madam, I hope to see the loveliest woman in the whole world.' Naturally she was pleased and told all the people around the hotel about it. The next day he did not appear, and the next she saw him at the capitol and asked him what he meant by treating her so.

"'What did I do?' he asked, innocently.

"'You said you were coming to see me,' she said, blushing at the remembrance of his words.

"'I think not.'

"'Indeed, you did,' she insisted. 'You said you would see the loveliest woman in the world,' and she blushed again.

"'Oh, I beg your pardon,' he said, smiling, 'I meant my wife. She just arrived yesterday.'"—Washington Star.

A Benefactress' Kind Act.

From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. John Tansey, of 130 Baker Street, Detroit, Michigan, is one of those women who always know just what to do in all trouble and sickness. One that is a mother to those in distress. To a reporter she said:

"I am the mother of ten children and have raised eight of them. Several years ago we had a serious time with my daughter, which began when she was about sixteen years old. She did not have any serious illness, but seemed to gradually waste away. Having never had consumption in our family, as we come of good old Irish and Scotch stock, we did not think it was that. Our doctor called the disease by an old name which, I afterward learned, meant lack of blood.

"It is impossible to describe the feeling John and I had as we noticed our daughter slowly passing away from us. We finally found, however, a medicine that seemed to

help her, and from the first we noticed a decided change for the better, and after three months' treatment her health was so greatly improved you would not have recognied her. She gained in flesh rapidly and was soon in perfect health. The medicine used was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I have always kept these pills in the house since and have recommended them to many people. I have told mothers about them and they have effected some wonderful cures.

"Every mother in this land should keep these pills in the house, as they are good for many ailments, particularly those arising from impoverished or diseased blood, and weakened nerve force."

February Excursions.

Opportunities for visiting the South during this month, via the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, are as follows:

Home-Seekers' Excursions on first and third Tuesday at about one fare for the round trip.

Florida Chautauqua at DeFuniak Springs begins on the 14th inst. Splendid programme, beautiful place, low rates.

Mardi Gras at Mobile and New Orleans on 22d inst. Tickets at half rates.

For full particulars, write to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or Jackson Smith, D. P. A., Cincinnati, O.

This Is How to Make Grain-O.

In directions last week in this paper for making Grain-O, it should have been stated that a tablespoonful (not a teaspoonful) be used to two cups of cold water. Try it this way.

We wonder why preachers always pray longest when we are standing.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Miss Johnsing—Yes, sah. Mistah Smiff, I wouldn't stoop tuh do sum ob de things dese heah white sassiety wimmin do! Yo, hain't nebbah seen me wif black cou't plastah on mah face, has you?—N. Y. Journal.

A 50-year-old man down in New Jersey, it is reported, is just learning to talk. It takes most of us that length of time to learn not to talk.—Providence Journal.

Family Tradition.—"Did you read about that mince pie ten feet in diameter, Mrs. Jones?" "Yes; but I presume my husband's mother has made bigger ones."—Chicago Record.

A Recommendation.—Customer—"Is this the latest thing in sealskins?" Salesman (impressively)—"Yes, madam. This is a pelagic sealskin."—Puck.

"I fear," said the manager, as the living skeleton sat on him and intermittently hammered him, "I fear that my curiosity has got the best of me."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Yes, my sight improved just as soon as I was 'p'inted postmaster." "How do you account for it?" "Readin' postal cards."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The difference between an optician and an editor is, the former may wear his own glasses, but the latter was never known to read his own paper.—Washington Democrat.

It's easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than it is for a Chinaman to get through his need of an idol.—Chicago Daily News.

A banana peel on the sidewalk is a nuisance and the man who steps on it usually tumbles to the fact.—Chicago Daily News.

The man who dyes his whiskers and the woman who bleaches her hair never fool any one but themselves.—Chicago Daily News.

Because a man is apt at quoting from great writers is no sign that he knows anything else.—Washington Democrat.

A LETTER TO WOMEN.

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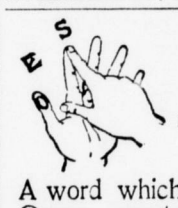

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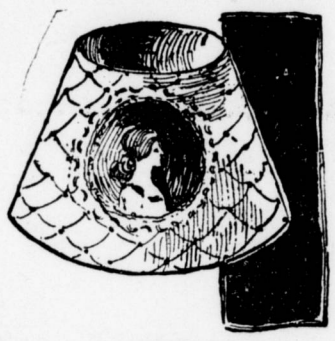

A LIGHTED FACE.

of the periodicals, but if you have a photograph you prefer you can use it instead.

Cut out the circle along the line you have marked. Lightly touch the edges with glue, and when it has dried touch them with glue again. While the glue is moist press the picture upon the shade, pressing the edges firm with the fingers. You will now find that you have a pretty face through which the light falls gently upon you.

THE BABY'S BATH.

From 96 to 98 Degrees the Proper Temperature of the Water.

Carefully ascertain before the child is immersed in the bath that the water be neither too hot nor too cold. Carelessness or over-anxiety to put him in the water as quickly as possible has frequently, from his being immersed in the bath when the water was too hot, caused him great pain and suffering. From 96 to 98 degrees Fahrenheit is the proper temperature of a warm bath. If it be necessary to add fresh warm water, let him be either removed the while, or let him not be put in when very hot; for if boiling water be added to increase the heat of the bath, it naturally ascends, and may scald him. Again, let the fresh water be put in at as great a distance from him as possible. The usual time for him to remain in a bath is a quarter of an hour or 20 minutes. Let the chest and the bowels be rubbed with the hand while he is in the bath. Let him be immersed in the bath as high up as the neck, taking care that he be the while supported under the armpits, and that his head be also rested. As soon as he comes out of the bath he ought to be carefully but quickly rubbed dry; and if it be necessary to keep up the action on the skin, he should be put to bed between the blankets; or, if the desired relief has been obtained, between the sheets, which ought to have been previously warmed. He will now most likely fall into a sweet, refreshing sleep.

If the child be frightened at the sight of the bath, cover the bath with a sheet, then lay him on the sheet, and thus gently lower him into the water.—Chicago Journal.

Average Size of Children.

The average child, in its fourth year, should be three feet high and weigh more than 28 pounds; in the sixth year, 3½ feet high and weigh 42; in the eighth year, four feet in height and 56 pounds in weight; at 12 years, five feet in height and 70 pounds in weight is a fair average. Growth is very irregular in children and young people generally; perhaps two inches may be gained in two months, and for the next ten months not over an inch, even up to the age of ten or twelve years.

It is not the hunter with the most expensive gun who gets the most game.

THE ORANGE WORM.

Every Housekeeper Has Reason to Dread Its Appearance.

There is threat of invasion by an orange-eating worm. Not only does it menace a great fruit-producing industry in this country, but every householder has reason to dread its appearance on his table. Out in California the orange growers are fairly panic-stricken, and not a little alarm is felt in Florida and Louisiana.

The insect has its home in Mexico. It is an unpleasant looking maggot, about an inch long and in color yellowish white. The pulp of the orange is its food, and it makes its way into the fruit without leaving any outward and visible sign of its presence within.

This, indeed, is one of the worst things about it. If the infested fruit exhibited surface evidences of having been attacked, the oranges might be picked over and the bad ones rejected. But the golden sphere, fair to look upon and promising a joy to the palate, is rotten within. Cut open with a knife, half of its pulp perhaps is found to have been devoured, and maybe a dozen or more of the disgusting larvae, authors of the mischief, are seen within.

It will be easily understood that the infestation of the groves of California by this insect would be likely to cause a loss of millions of dollars annually to that state. Being a sort of next-door neighbor to Mexico, California is in special danger; and, realizing the fact, she has already established a quarantine against oranges from that country.

During the last six weeks the government bureau of entomology has been making a special investigation of the matter. It has sent an expert, Mr. C. H. T. Townsend, to Mexico, to study the worm and its work, and he has made a report on the subject. The maggot is the larvae of a fly which lays its eggs in the pores of the ripening orange on the tree. The young larvae, on being hatched, makes its way into the fruit without leaving any hole or other external sign. It bores down through the pulp, eating as it goes, and converts the juicy interior into so much rot and nastiness.

Naturally the Mexican authorities have been perturbed by this threat of excluding their oranges. They have presented arguments on the subject. They declare that the insect in question is not at all common; that it is confined to one district—namely, the state of Morelos, about 100 miles south of the City of Mexico.—N. Y. World.

PRETTY CAP FOR AN OLD LADY.

Pattern for a Charming Bit of Headwear Embellished with a Dainty Bow of Sprightly Pink.

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The very latest novelty is a feather muff, but it is so delicate that it can only be carried on pleasant days. The

A PLEASANT-DAY MUFF.

slightest patter of rain or flurry of snow will destroy it.

Many of these muffs have almost the entire middle made of silk. A very broad band of silk ribbon is tied around the muff and finished with an immense bow. In the center of the bow there may be a rhinestone.

Cover for Card Table.

Covers for card tables are attractive made of denim. A model one is of dark blue denim one yard and a quarter square. To this is added a border ten inches wide of the same material in the lightest shade of blue. Appliqued upon the border are cards of white felt with spots of the various suits painted on them. Fancy letters in the center of the cover spell "Hearts are Trumps."

Nursery Essentials.

The three prime essentials in the nursery are fresh air, good food, and pure water.

THE FARMING WORLD.

SETTING PEACH TREES.

An Ohio Fruit-Grower Tells How and When to Do It.

One year ago last May we set 100 peach trees. Having often heard the advice given to set small trees instead of the large, first-class ones we felt that possibly we had made a mistake when giving the order. Wishing to save the time of one or two years' growth, if possible, we ordered the best two-year-old trees. They were shipped in good condition and were set as soon as received. They were well set, allowing all roots their natural position. We cut any roots off that would otherwise be cramped or bent up and cut off all injured or mangled portions of roots. Did not dig all the holes before beginning to set the trees as some do, but set stakes for the trees and then brought the trees out to a convenient place in the orchard, covering the roots with a quantity of wet straw and moss with blankets over this.

It takes very little hot sun and still less of drying wind directly on plant or tree roots to affect their growth. The spot selected for the trees had been plowed very deep and thoroughly fitted before the trees came. Each hole was dug for the particular root that was to be planted in it. After the hole was dug the tree was placed in position, when man No. 1 held it there and tramped the fine soil about the roots as man No. 2 shoveled the dirt in. After the trees were planted we cut them back or pruned them until they had the appearance of a whipstock, and that about 3½ feet in length.

It seems almost a waste of growth and the wrong thing to do to prune a nice shaped tree so severely, but our limited experience in this line has taught us that it is the thing to do, and that the tree will soon more than make up in growth for this "setback." Out of the 100 we have lost one tree.

They have made a remarkable growth and we have not regretted setting large trees. The above trees are now well filled with fruit buds, but buds on a peach tree this time of year cannot always be considered buds of promise.

We did not consider it necessary to lose the use of the ground while the trees were getting large enough to fruit. We set strawberries for plants in the rows of trees and three feet from this row on each side just half way between the tree rows one way we set raspberries. Trees, berry plants and all were mulched with stable manure one year ago, and all expressed their thanks for it in growth the past summer.—A. D. Olin, in National Stockman.

PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

Starting Cuttings in Sand the Best Method of Propagation.

What is called the mud system of rooting cuttings is often used for small quantities. A shallow dish of any kind which will hold two or three inches of sand is selected. The sand is entirely covered with water, which is renewed as evaporation takes place. Cuttings or slips are set in this mud bath,

STARTING CUTTINGS IN SAND.

which is placed in the warmest window of the house. Being surrounded by moisture they can stand the sun without wilting. Root the hardier kinds first, such as geraniums, verbenas and fuchsias; coleus, heliotropes, etc., can be left until later. This method is well adapted for small house conservatories; as this is sometimes obtained by heating ten or fifteen degrees above the air in the room it causes the quickest growth, as well as the window. A bottom heat, an inclosed space with a common oil lamp placed below it. Young seedling plants are very apt to "damp off" in their young stages. It is found that this occurs simply from exposure. If the young plants, just as soon as they can be handled, are lifted and reset in the soil deep enough to expose only the seed leaves, this damping off is completely checked and it rarely occurs again.—Farm and Home.

When to Trim Apple Trees.

It does not pay to doctor up old neglected trees, except to get a supply of fruit, until young trees become bearable. Apple trees are very cheap. If some old trees are desired to be kept, prune, during mild weather, before April 1. Don't trim trees during hard frost. Prune to admit air and sunshine, also to remove limbs that cross each other or chafe. If the pruning knife is used with discretion from the time the tree is young, a much better tree is secured. If the ground is poor, tree scabby, or of weak growth, give good dressing of barnyard manure, but if the wood is vigorous, and soil fairly rich, I would give each tree about one peck acid phosphate or bone dust, and one bushel unleached wood ashes, scattered evenly over and beyond the roots.—American Gardening.

Cause of Some Failures.

It is an easy matter to set a few currants and gooseberry plants along the fence row, and then leave them to the mercy of weeds and worms without fertilization or cultivation. Then the owner wonders why it is his fruit is so much inferior to that of his more thrifty neighbor. No wonder that he comes to the conclusion that "there is only now and then one who is calculated to raise fruit anyhow." Plants, like animals, need a well-balanced ration and a large per cent. of brains is one of the principal ingredients. Currants and gooseberries are no exception to this rule. These plants will bear some fruit without care, though it will be smaller in size, poorer in quality and the yield less than when liberally treated.—Farm and Home.

THE NEW WORLD.

Interest Is Aroused in the Canadia West.

The exhibits of grains and grasses, roots and vegetables, the product of the fertile lands of Western Canada, which were made at the several state and county fairs in some of the Western states this fall, have awakened considerable interest in the lands which the Canadian Government has opened for settlement, and which are given free to settlers. The agents of the government, who are to be found in these states, are flooded with inquiries regarding the conditions on which these lands may be secured. Large numbers have located on these lands during the past year, and send back to their friends most encouraging reports. They say they have entered on an era of prosperity, and are well pleased with both the agricultural possibilities and the climate. The provinces of Manitoba, Assinaboia and Alberta are especially adapted to diversified farming. In some parts the country is specially adapted to stock raising, and it is being profitably pursued. In these parts snow seldom remains a week at a time, the warm breezes from the ocean affecting the climate thus favorably. When the desirability of these lands is fully known there will be a rush such as has scarcely ever before been known. Information as to low railway rates, illustrated pamphlets, etc., will be forwarded with pleasure by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, if you are not in possession of the name of an agent of the government.

The Silver Lining.

Creditor—What, still no money? Do you think it is a pleasure for me in this winter weather, in snow and rain, to call here every day?

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Dick—How?

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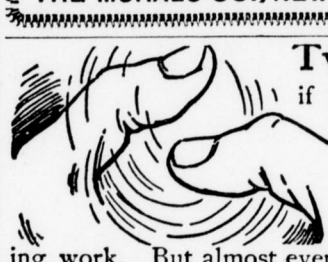

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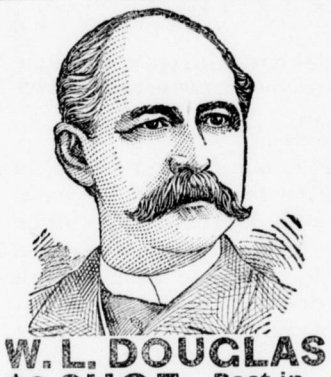

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Additional Local News.

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A Bright Day in the M. E. Church on Sunday.

At the sunrise prayer meeting the people felt the sunlight of God's presence in their souls.

The love-feast was largely attended and a time of refreshing was experienced by all.

At the service at 10:30, twelve persons were received on probation, making in all 345, with 9 by certificate; total, 43 additions—9 were baptised at this service. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a larger number than at any time during the present pastorate.

A large congregation greeted the pastor in the evening, listening attentively to a sermon on the Prodigal Son.

Alaska Letter.

(Extracts from a letter from Mr. John C. Calbreath, of Wrangel, Alaska, dated from Victoria, B. C., January 16th, 1898.)

"Things will be red hot up there (on the Stickeen) the coming season. There will be such a tremendous rush for the great Yukon basin that all the routes will be full, overflowing, bursting. The people simply cannot get in with a year's supply, which they are all taking. Any number could go in light, but they wisely thought not to trust to chance. It has been just a scratch that starvation did not reign at the Klondike this winter. As it is, they will not be surfeited with food, but there will be no starvation. There will be sixteen to twenty fine big steamers on the Stickeen the coming summer, and from appearances there will be lots of work for them. Of course we look for a big trade. Will not do much in the packing line, but will attend to the business of the store and the hotel that we will put up. Everything next the river will be utilized as warehouse room. There is some talk of Glenora being the starting point for the trains, but I fancy it will all go to Telegraph Creek. There is a strong probability of a narrow-guage railway to Teslin Lake, but it costs millions to build railroads in that country. We are having a pretty good business at Telegraph this winter and it will increase immensely in the spring, but will be a good deal cut up. Several large companies are going to sleigh goods up the Stickeen and over the ice to foot of Teslin Lake, so as to get the first open water to Dawson. I purpose tailing on behind after they break the road with a few teams. There is a big boom on at Wrangel. Three new wharves are going ahead with warehouses. Two or three big hotels and restaurants. The place is surveyed and laid out in town lots, all of which are claimed and being built on. Machinery for a saw mill and steamer was taken up to Teslin Lake on our steamer last fall, and is being sleighed into Teslin Lake this winter. The people on the Sound at Seattle and other places are getting the lion's share of the outfitting, and it grinds Victorians sadly to see the plums mostly falling intoour laps, but so it out of the thing to make what I can goes. I shall strive this year, as i will not long be allowed to hold on to my long earned possessions. Corporations will squeeze me out, and every one else that comes in their road. They are doing it all over where their power can be brought to bear. As yet they cannot crush out a claim owner of placer mines, but it will not be long before laws will be fixed so they can bring their power to bear on them.

"The great reindeer scheme of Uncle Sam to relieve the needy on the Yukon, though ridiculous in its workings, was humane in its conception. Neither reindeer nor mules can march 700 miles over bad roads and carry more than enough feed to take them through, without carrying anything for the needy. The Canadians make a great deal of fun over the effort, all of which is actuated by jealousy."

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February has already earned the title of "the month of disasters."

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Another sign of spring is the announcement that Gardner has signed a contract.

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After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Pursell of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy. R. C. Dodson. 45-ly

The Hindoos were the first to use playing cards,

A few months ago, Mr. Byron Every, of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first bottle of it helped him considerably and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by L. Taggart. feb.

Java is a native Malay word signifying "the land of nutmegs."

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Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericksburg, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by L Taggart. feb.

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The Lewisburg News correctly says that the talk going the rounds of the press about the thirty or forty million dollars paid out annually to soldiers not entitled to pensions, and the necessity for purging the "roll of honor," and all that sort of thing, appears in a very ridiculous light when it is remembered that very recently, under Judge Lochren's administration of the Pension Bureau and by President Cleveland's direction, every corner and cranny of the pension roll was searched for supposed fraud, and thousands of just pensions were denied or delayed, the secret intention of the administration being to cut down expenditures to the lowest limit, in order to keep down the monthly deficit as much as possible. A great hullabaloo was made by the pension officers about fraud, and something like $300,000 was spent in exhaustive investigation of the same, with the result that just thirteen cases of fraud were discovered.

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